MINUTES

OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Encampment

OF THE

I. O. O. F.

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

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OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Encampment

OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Semi-Annual Communication, 1875.

PHILADELPHIA, November 15th, 1875.

THE stated Semi-Annual Communication of the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, was held at the Hall, North Sixth Street, this afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Present:

SULLIVAN S. CHILD, . .	M. W. Grand Patriarch.
GEORGE BERTRAM, . .	M. E. Grand High Priest.
EDWARD JONES, . . .	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON, .	R. W. Grand Scribe.
JOHN S. HEISS, . . .	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
ALAN C. LUKENS, . .	R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
CHARLES N. HICKOK, .	R. W. Grand Representative.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, .	R. W. Grand Representative.
SAMUEL R. ABBOTT, . .	W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*
WM. A. RUDDACH, . .	W. Grand Inside Sentinel.
GEORGE C. HOSTER, . .	W. Grand Outside Sentinel.

And a quorum of Past Chief Patriarchs.

After the regular preliminaries had been gone through with, the Grand Encampment was opened with the usual solemn ceremonies.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report, viz:

PHILADELPHIA, November 15th, 1875.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the Certificates of the Past Chief Patriarchs whose names are hereunto appended, and finding the Certificates to be in regular form and properly authenticated, recommend that the Past Chief Patriarchs be acknowledged and admitted to membership in the Grand Encampment.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE F. WEAVER, JR.,
LEONARD F. BAILEY, } *Committee.*

Pittsburgh Encampment,	No. 2,	James B. Williams.
Morning Star, . .	3,	Henry F. Dearden.
Mount Olive, . .	6,	Henry Baldt.
Walhalla, . .	7,	Egidius Fischer.
Hebron, . .	8,	Elvas A. Bitner.
Dauphin, . .	10,	Jas. B. Montgomery.
Washington, . .	11,	Tobias Royer.
Unity, . .	12,	R. E. Wright, Jr.
Unity, . .	12,	Ephraim Ritter.
Unity, . .	12,	Allen J. Helfrich.
Olive Branch, . .	13,	John Stroke.
Mount Vernon, . .	14,	John W. Eisenhart.
Siloam, . .	17,	George S. Kensel.
Mount Horeb, . .	18,	Thomas Smith, Jr.
Harris, . .	22,	Charles R. Jones.
Mount Zion, . .	24,	James Zimmerman.

Mount Zion Encampment,	No. 24,	George F. Meyers.
United Brothers,	26,	William Morrell.
Clinton,	27,	Daniel Frank.
Wildey,	29,	S. B. King.
Lackawaxen,	30,	George Bond.
Howard,	33,	John Drenkel.
Valley,	34,	John C. Wagner.
Doylestown,	35,	A. C. Vaulnvaull.
Fredonia,	36,	John W. Woodward.
Apollo,	38,	James Fowler.
Outalissa,	39,	Omer B. Smith.
Ashland,	45,	Charles W. Thomas.
National,	47,	R. S. Burrows.
National,	47,	Elmer Reeve.
Jefferson,	48,	Joseph Scholl.
Mount Carmel,	49,	Thos. H. Burrows.
Paradise,	53,	Hugh Dougherty.
Olive,	56,	George W. Moore.
Manitou,	62,	J. B. Fleming.
Mount Nebo,	63,	Thomas Grier.
Harmony,	65,	Isaiah K. Neild.
Roxborough,	66,	M. R. Lees.
Mount Libanus,	68,	John H. Shaak.
Apalachian,	69,	J. J. Hamer.
Curtis,	77,	Samuel Henry.
Wellsboro',	78,	Jerome B. Potter.
Olympus,	82,	Daniel Weber.
Logan,	83,	John B. Loflin.
Centre Square,	84,	Emanuel Zearfoss.
Centre Square,	84,	Wm. H. Layman.
Excelsior,	85,	George Schwab.
Lawrence,	86,	T. B. Bryson.
Clarion,	90,	Jasper E. Wood.
General Marion,	91,	Lewis Farra.
General Marion,	91,	Richard Fimple.
Flourtown,	94,	Charles Jacoby.

Chester Encampment,	No. 99,	John A. Wallace.
Perry, . .	100,	Samuel Sheller.
Allegheny, . .	101,	F. R. Diehl.
Coaquanock, . .	105,	Albert E. Abbett.
Coaquanock, . .	105,	H. W. Hartley.
Pennsylvania, . .	111,	Wm. B. Bowman.
Somerset, . .	113,	A. J. Colborne.
Montgomery, . .	115,	Seth Humphries.
Harrison Graham, .	116,	R. E. Booth.
Kutztown, . .	123,	Henry S. Weiler.
Union, . .	126,	Chas. A. Boyer.
Wm. F. Packer, . .	127,	Thos. J. Howe.
Altoona, . .	129,	Joel Tompkins.
Aurora, . .	130,	Wm. Kupper.
Frankford, . .	131,	Jonathan Haertler.
Frankford, . .	131,	Samuel P. Swope.
Scott, . .	132,	Martin Henry.
Shekinah, . .	134,	Rees T. Davies.
West Branch, . .	136,	C. V. Luppert.
Valley Union, . .	138,	James D. Smith.
Star, . .	139,	Martin H. Hockman.
Fort Augusta, . .	140,	Wm. Simpson.
Lincoln, . .	142,	F. J. Spaugler.
Uncas, . .	144,	Ferdinand J. Imhoff.
Vulcan, . .	145,	Morgan B. Williams.
Naomi, . .	146,	Ambrose Norman.
Myerstown, . .	149,	Joseph Corl.
Myerstown, . .	149,	John M. Segner.
Evergreen, . .	151,	Thos. Elverson.
Mount Penn, . .	152,	H. A. Focht.
Fraternity, . .	156,	Jacob P. Griffith.
Eagle, . .	158,	Enos Misenhelter.
Wayne, . .	159,	Abner Andrews.
Arsenal, . .	165,	Joseph F. Bradshaw.
Arsenal, . .	165,	Thos. H. Sugden.

Concord Encampment,	No. 166,	John A. Horn.
Tremont Union, . .	167,	Christian P. Maul.
Arcturus, . .	168,	William Clark.
Marble Hall, . .	169,	George F. Kerper.
Clay, . .	172,	John Jones.
Oil City, . .	182,	F. W. Shryock.
Carlisle, . .	183,	Samuel Sites.
Canton, . .	184,	P. S. Miller.
Falls of Schuylkill, .	185,	Wm. R. Wiggett.
Shenango, . .	186,	James Tenant.
J. B. Nicholson, . .	187,	James L. Scott.
Liberty, . .	198,	Lemuel Grimes.
C. N. Hickok, . .	200,	Meichel F. Stock.
Tunkhannock, . .	204,	E. E. Stanton.
Oneida, . .	207,	Geo. C. Frisbie.
Oneida, . .	207,	Isaac B. Ide.
Bloom, . .	208,	Wm. R. Ringrose.
Conshohocken, . .	209,	Wm. M. Mahoney.
Ebensburg, . .	210,	Edwin Thomas.
Pine Grove, . .	211,	Penrose Barto.
Home, . .	213,	James Beattie.
Stone Church, . .	216,	Geo. H. Weaver.
Earl, . .	217,	A. R. Eshleman.
Hulmeville, . .	223,	Jesse B. Webster.
Hulmeville, . .	223,	Walter R. Johnson.
Centreville, . .	224,	J. Ira Cleaver.
Petrolia, . .	226,	Norris Crassman.
Clearfield, . .	232,	Al. M. Row.
West Freedom, . .	240,	O. E. Nail.
Mount Pleasant, . .	242,	J. Penrose Smith.
Riverside, . .	245,	Jacob K. Waidley.
Riverside, . .	245,	John P. Nichols.
Mountain Home, . .	247,	John H. Bond.
Warrior, . .	250,	John Dunn.

On motion of Past Chief Patriarch Borie, the report

was accepted and the Past Chief Patriarchs named therein were acknowledged.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, Sullivan S. Child, presented the following report:

HARRISBURG, Penna., November 15, 1875.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.

SIRS AND PATRIARCHS:

It becomes my duty as your presiding officer, and it is certainly a great pleasure for me as such, to present to you a report of my actions and doings since our last meeting. From what I have learned and seen during my visitations I can safely say that the Encampment Branch of our Order is prospering as well as we can expect. Of the two hundred and twenty-six links in our chain not one has been broken, although some are very weak, and were it not for the financial crisis which we are now battling all over our land, I believe we would have no trouble in strengthening the weak, and adding many new links to our great chain, but I assure you I shall do all I possibly can to assist the weak, and endeavor to add more to our number.

As I reside in the central part of our State, and not being able to consult with our Worthy Grand Scribe as I should, I respectfully asked our Worthy Grand High Priest, George Bertram, to act in my stead in the city of Philadelphia and its vicinity, and when the Grand Scribe wished an immediate decision for him to act for me, all of which he kindly consented to do, and of which he will report to you.

The Encampments in the counties of Bedford, Bucks, Clearfield, and Clinton, having failed to elect District Deputy Grand Patriarchs I filled the vacancies by making the following appointments: John I. Noble, for Bedford County; Alfred Fackenthall, for Bucks County; A. M. Hills, for Clearfield County, and P. C. Moyer, for Clinton County.

Past Chief Patriarch D. K. Myers was elected District Deputy Grand Patriarch of Cumberland County, but, as he did not reside in the county, I decided he could not serve, so I appointed Past Chief Patriarch J. K. L. Mackey to fill the vacancy.

On September 17th, District Deputy Grand Patriarch Thomas C. Williams, of Carbon County, tendered his resignation, he being unable to give the matter the attention required. I accepted the same and appointed Past Chief Patriarch William Curtis, of Fountain Encampment, No. 170, to fill the vacancy.

The following are the decisions I have made, and questions answered:

First. Patriarch Encampment, No. 171, asked permission to suspend their meetings for six months.

I informed them they could not do it.

Second. Wiconisco Encampment, No. 181, asked permission to meet weekly.

I informed them that I could not grant the authority, as I believe Article I, Section 2, of the Subordinate Encampments, prevented me from so doing, but I promised to lay the matter before the Grand Encampment for your action.

Third. District Deputy Grand Patriarch J. Sueisfort, of Montour County, asked the question if it was necessary to elect the retiring Chief Patriarch to the office of High Priest.

I informed him it was not, and referred him to Article V, Section 3, Constitution of Subordinate Encampments.

Fourth. District Deputy Grand Patriarch W. R. Weaver, of Crawford County, sent me a communication from Olympus Encampment, No. 82, and an appeal of Patriarch S. Goldstine of said Encampment. It appears the Patriarchs, or a majority of them, uniformed themselves, and they wished to drill previous to participating in a parade, and not wishing to soil the carpet in their Encampment room, they procured the use of another room for which they paid for a gas meter and use of gas. Patriarch Goldstine appealed, claiming the Encampment had not the power to pay the bill.

I decided that it was a part of the expenses of the Encampment, and they could pay the bill.

Fifth. District Deputy Grand Patriarch M. J. Andrews, of Northern District of Luzerne County, enclosed me communication of Past Chief Patriarch J. T. Kirkbride, of Lackawanna Encampment, No. 16, asking if an election in an Encampment was legal where Patriarchs voted who were over thirteen weeks in arrears, and if a Trustee could hold his office if he was over thirteen weeks in arrears at the time of his election.

I directed the District Deputy Grand Patriarch, M. J. Andrews, to visit Lackawanna Encampment, No. 16, and if he found that a number greater than the majority of Patriarchs voted who were over thirteen weeks in arrears, he should order a new election for such officers that had opposition. And as the Trustee was elected over six months ago, we could not correct the error now, as it was the fault of the Encampment, but that he should urge the Trustee to pay up his arrearages and settle the difficulty.

Sixth. On October 4th, I granted permission to Shallum Encampment, No. 141, to change their nights of meeting from the 2d and 4th Mondays of each month to the 2d and 4th Thursdays of each month.

Seventh. On October 16th, I granted permission to Wellsboro Encampment, No. 78, to turn out in Regalia or Uniform at the dedication of the Hall of Lawrence Lodge, No. 913, on October 20th.

Eighth. On November 10th, I granted permission to P. Magee Encampment, No. 165, to change the name of their Encampment to that of Arsenal Encampment.

Ninth. The Chief Patriarch of Perry Encampment, No. 100, asked if a Scribe of an Encampment who is indebted for dues over three months, but has money due him from the Encampment for services as Scribe, is entitled to benefits.

I decided he was not entitled to benefits, as it was the duty of the Scribe to see that the Encampment gave him such money due him, and then to pay his own dues.

On July 16th, the Grand Scribe informed me that C. C. Burns, Geo. Fling and Philip Lowry, Jr., declined to serve on the Committee of Superintendence, so I appointed Patriarchs W. A. Witherup, of No. 38, George W. Dohnert, of No. 36, and N. G. Watson, of No. 5, in their stead.

On October 21st, I approved the reports of the Appeal Committee in the case of Patriarch John G. Moxey *vs.* Ashland Encampment, No. 45; and in the case of Patriarch John Henshall *vs.* Norristown Encampment, No. 37.

I have made the following official visitations:

September 15th, in company with Grand Marshal Schlayer and Patriarchs W. W. Jennings, S. Boyd Martin, and Isaac Hoffman, of Dauphin Encampment, No. 10, I visited Wiconisco Encampment, No. 181, at Lykenstown, Dauphin County, and installed the Officers. This Encampment is in a very flourishing condition. This is the Encampment which is desirous of holding weekly meetings.

September 17th, in company with Grand Marshal Schlayer, I visited Dauphin Encampment, No. 10, at Harrisburg, and installed the Officers. This Encampment is one of the most flourishing in the State, and have large attendance at all their meetings.

September 18th, in company with Grand Marshal Schlayer, I visited Patriarch Encampment, No. 171, at Middletown, Dauphin County, and installed the Officers. This Encampment is in a very bad condition, being nearly out of funds, and they have great trouble in getting a quorum to transact their business, but they promise to start anew.

September 21st, in company with Grand Marshal Schlayer, Past Chief Patriarch George V. Corl, and Patriarch Samuel Flickinger, of Dauphin Encampment, No. 10, I visited Laurel Encampment, No. 177, and installed the Officers. This Encampment is in a good condition, and they promise to do better.

September 28th, in compauy with Grand Marshal Schlayer, Past Chief Patriarch George V. Corl, and Patriarch H. B. Buehler, I visited Washington Encampment, No. 11, at Lancaster, and installed the Officers. I was very much pleased with my visit to this Encampment; the members are as fine looking a set of men as I ever met with, and they certainly have the good of the Order at heart. I had the pleasure of meeting our Worthy Grand Master Levergood, who is a Past Chief Patriarch of this Encampment.

October 4th, in company with Grand Marshal Schlayer, Grand Representative C. N. Hickok, and District Deputy Grand Patriarch E. J. Greene, I visited Mount Hor Encampment, No. 180, at Huntingdon. I feel satisfied our visit will do this Encampment some good.

October 5th, in company with Grand Marshal Schlayer and Grand Representative Hickok, I visited Peace Branch Encampment, No. 114, at Bedford, I found the members of this Encampment ever alive to the interests of our Order. This is the Encampment to which our Grand Representative C. N. Hickok belongs, and from the interest he takes in our Order, we can rest assured the work is always done well, and the Encampment will always flourish.

October 6th, in company with Grand Marshal Schlayer, Grand Representative Hickok, District Deputy Grand Patriarch John I. Noble, and Past Chief Patriarch M. A. Points, Chief Patriarch James F. Mickel, and Patriarch H. D. Tate, of Peace Branch Encampment, No. 114, after traveling over a rough and rugged road, I visited C. N. Hickok Encampment, No. 200, at Woodbury, Bedford County; they conferred the Royal Purple Degree in a correct manner. This Encampment needed a visit very badly, but they now promise to give us a good report, and to take a new hold.

October 7th, in company with Grand Marshal Schlayer, Grand Representative Hickok, District Deputy Grand Patriarch John I. Noble, Past Chief Patriarch M. A. Points, and Chief Patriarch James F. Mickel, of No. 114, I visited Olivia Encampment, No. 206, at Everett, Bedford County, and installed the Officers. This Encampment is in a very flourishing condition.

October 8th, in company with Grand Marshal Schlayer, Grand Representative Hickok, and District Deputy Grand Patriarch John H. Uhl, I visited Somerset Encampment, No. 113, at Somerset. This is the Encampment that had the misfortune of losing their Hall and contents in the great fire at Somerset a few years ago, but I am glad to say they have as fine a Hall as any Encampment in the State, and with the assistance of our Worthy District Deputy Grand Patriarch, John H. Uhl, I feel satisfied we will have a good report in the future from Somerset Encampment.

October 9th, in company with Grand Marshal Schlayer, Grand Representative Hickok, and District Deputy Grand Patriarch Jacob Graser, I visited Fayette Encampment, No. 80, at Uniontown, Fayette County. A committee of the Encampment met us at the depot on the arrival of the train, and escorted us to the hotel, and from there to the hall, where we spent a very pleasant time, and after we adjourned, in company with the members, we partook of an excellent collation. This Encampment has been very dilatory, failing often to get a quorum, but they promise now to meet regular, and add new and good members to their roll. I cannot help but refer to Past Chief Patriarch George Morrison, of this Encampment; he is seventy-five years of age, and has been a member of our Order for forty-five years, having been initiated in the same Lodge our worthy founder Wildey belonged to in Baltimore, yet he is as active as many of our young men; he says he will certainly parade with our Order in September next if he is alive.

October 11th, in company with Grand Senior Warden Edward Jones, Grand Marshal Schlayer, Past Grand Patriarch James A. Sholes, Grand Representative Hickok, and District Deputy Grand Patriarch John C. Harper, I visited Yohogany Encampment, No. 147, at McKeesport, Allegheny County. The Encampment conferred the Patriarchal and Royal Purple Degrees in a proper manner. It is in a good condition, and they promise to increase their membership.

October 20th, in company with Grand Marshal Schlayer, I visited Olive Encampment, No. 56, at Harrisburg. This Encampment is also in a very flourishing condition; the membership is large and good.

I would have liked to have made more visitations, but I was unable. I shall try and visit such Encampments as may need it before our next session.

In all my visitations I exemplified the unwritten work of our Order.

It will be seen I did not have many of my associate Grand Officers with me in my visitations, as it was my desire to make as little expense as possible.

I wish to return my thanks to the Grand Officers and Patriarchs who accompanied me in my visitations; it would be useless for me to single out any one, as they all assisted whenever asked.

I also wish to return my thanks to E. K. Hyndman, Esq., General Superintendent of the Pittsburg, Washington and Baltimore Railroad Company, and W. T. Jacoby, Esq., Train Master of that road, for their kindness in giving us a special train from Uniontown to Connelsville on the night of October 9th.

I present herewith a special invitation from the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United Sates, to this Grand Encampment, inviting us to participate with them at their next Annual Communication, to be held in the city of Philadelphia in September next, in commemoration of the Centennial of American Independence, with preamble and resolutions passed at the last Annual Communication of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States. By these resolutions it will be seen that the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States has set apart Wednesday, September 20, 1876, for a general gathering of the brotherhood, and a grand public demonstration in the city of Philadelphia in commemoration of the one hundredth birthday of the American nation.

It will be remembered at our last Annual Session we passed resolutions on this subject—one inviting the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States to hold its next Annual Communication in the City of Philadelphia, and one appointing a Committee of Thirteen to make the necessary arrangements. That committee will present a report to you at this session, which I hope may be satisfactory to all. I would urge all Patriarchs who are able, to procure a uniform, as adopted by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States. It should be the desire of every Patriarch in Pennsylva-

nia to make as large and handsome a display as possible for the purpose of welcoming the visiting Patriarchs to the Old Keystone State.

Hoping all my actions may meet your hearty approval,

I remain yours fraternally,

SULLIVAN S. CHILD,

Grand Patriarch.

Past Grand Patriarch Muckle moved that the report appear upon the printed journal, and the Grand Encampment do now proceed to consider the various subjects presented therein *seriatim*.

The motion was adopted.

The first decision was considered and approved.

The second decision being under consideration, Past Chief Patriarch Gwinner moved that it be the judgment of the Grand Encampment that an Encampment may hold its meetings weekly, by amending its By-Laws to that effect, and having the amendment approved by the Committee on Laws.

The motion was adopted.

The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth decisions were considered and adopted.

The appointments made during the recess were on motion confirmed.

The following communication was presented:

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,
RIGHT WORTHY GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,
BALTIMORE, MD., October 25th, 1875.

To the Most Worthy Grand Master of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Penna.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:

Herewith, I transmit, officially, an authenticated copy of the very important proceedings had by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, touching its next annual communication, to be held at the city of Philadelphia, and the contemplated celebration in commemoration of the centenary of the American Government, on Wednesday, September 20th,

1876. It will be perceived that the several Grand Bodies of both branches of the Order, "under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, are invited to participate as bodies, or by delegations, in the fraternal commingling of the Order in Philadelphia on that occasion;" and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is directed to present each of them, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States, this special invitation. Accordingly, it gives me infinite pleasure to be the bearer of this fraternal message to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and to cordially press its acceptance. To use the eloquent and earnest language of the proceedings, "there are many reasons, independent of fraternal courtesy, why the invitation should be accepted; prominent among which are the facts that the year 1876 is the Centennial of the United States of America, and Philadelphia the spot where the American nation was born, and where an event of so much importance in the history of the human race will be commemorated." I am sure any attempt on my part to superadd to this patriotic appeal will be wholly superfluous, and that the mere mention of it will awaken in every heart the profoundest sympathy with reminiscences so sacred and impressive.

Fraternally yours,

(Signed,) JAMES L. RIDGELY,
Corresponding Secretary.

WHEREAS, The Right Worthy Grand Lodge and the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, have invited the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States to hold its Annual Communication in the City of Philadelphia, in September, 1876; and,

WHEREAS, There are many reasons, independent of fraternal courtesy, why the invitation should be accepted; prominent among which are the facts that the year 1876 is the Centennial of the United States of America, and Philadelphia the spot where the American Nation was born, and where an event of so much importance in the history of the human race will be commemorated; and,

WHEREAS, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, whose life-time on this continent is more than half that of the American Nation, has prospered under the benign influence of American institutions, and participates largely in the emotions which the centennial is calculated to inspire; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the invitation of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge and the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania are hereby cordially accepted, and that the next Annual Communication of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States be held in the City of Philadelphia in September, 1876

Resolved, That Wednesday, September 20th, 1876, be set apart by the Order for a general gathering of the brotherhood, and a grand public demonstration, in the City of Philadelphia, in commemoration of the establishment and the perpetuation of the American Nation.

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be, and he is hereby directed, to invite the respective Right Worthy Grand Lodges and the Right Worthy Grand Encampments, under the jurisdiction of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, to participate as bodies, or by delegations, in the fraternal commingling of the Order in Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Lodges and the Right Worthy Grand Encampments, under the jurisdiction of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, be requested to invite the subordinate Lodges and Encampments under their respective jurisdictions, as bodies or delegations, to participate with them in the demonstration.

Resolved, That in the recognition and approval of the proposed celebration, Lodges and Encampments shall have sufficient warrant to make appropriations to carry out the objects of the demonstration in such a manner as they, in their judgment, shall deem proper.

Resolved, That in view of the adoption of the foregoing resolutions, the Most Worthy Grand Sire be requested, when issuing the usual proclamation for the celebration of the 26th of April, to call the attention of the brotherhood to the centennial celebration, leaving it optional to celebrate either or both.

Resolved, That a committee of nine be appointed to make such arrangements as may be necessary to carry the above resolutions into effect, and to co-operate with the authorities of the Order in Pennsylvania in making the proposed celebration successful and creditable to the brotherhood.

The Most Worthy Grand Sire appointed the following committee called for by the above proceedings:

James B. Nicholson	Past Grand Sire	Pennsylvania.
Edward H. Fitzhugh	Grand Representative	Virginia.
Erie J. Leech	" "	Iowa.
Luther J. Glenn	" "	Georgia.
Nathan Porter	" "	California.
George Wright	" "	Canada.
Thomas P. St. John	" "	New York.
D. N. Barrows	" "	Mississippi.
John E. Bell	" "	Ohio.

Past Chief Patriarch Borie moved that the communication be entered upon the Journal, and that the paper be framed and presented to the Grand Patriarch, as a memorial of his administration.

The motion was adopted.

Grand Representative Hickok presented the following

report of the proceedings of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, viz:

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.

Your Representatives to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States have the honor to report:

That they were present in their places during the session of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, held in the City of Indianapolis, State of Indiana, commencing on Monday, the 20th, and ending on Saturday, the 25th of September last, and have the satisfaction of bringing to you the assurance that, from official reports coming up from all parts of the grand jurisdiction, the Order, notwithstanding the adverse influences of a disturbed monetary condition of the country, presents unmistakable evidences of health and prosperity.

The statistical report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, shows an increase in membership for the last year, of both the Lodge and Encampment branches of our Order, that could hardly have been anticipated under the circumstances.

The truest test of inherent strength is adversity, and we are grateful to know that the permanence and stability of our great brotherhood is assured beyond a peradventure, even amidst inauspicious surroundings, which have severely tried every associated as well as individual interest in the land.

While other fraternal organizations, externally similar to ours, failing in an underlying foundation of genuine principle, have fallen into premature decay, our noble Order, built upon the eternal pillars of "FRIENDSHIP, LOVE, and TRUTH," has been directed, amid the dangers of prosperity, and upheld and shielded, in the hour of adversity, by an Omnipotent Arm, and it becomes us, with feelings of humble gratitude in our hearts, and with words of thanksgiving on our lips and in our official reports, to acknowledge His guidance and protection.

The session at Indianapolis was an exceedingly pleasurable one to the Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge United States, not only on account of the abounding kindness and attention shown them personally by the Brotherhood of the City and State, but it was especially gratifying to them, as Odd Fellows, to receive, on behalf of the Order, as its representatives, from the Chief Executive Officer of the State, from the City authorities and from the citizens generally, the official and abundantly bestowed evidences of the esteem in which our Order is held in that great commonwealth.

Words would fail us, were we to attempt to describe the hospitality so liberally offered, and so gracefully bestowed. On our memory's tablets alone can we look for a full record of that which we are powerless to portray to our brethren.

It would extend our report to an unwarrantable length, were we to give a detailed statement of all the business transacted during the session. We herewith submit to you only that which we have culled from the general

proceedings, as either relating to the interests of the Patriarchal Branch alone, or as co-equally concerning both the Encampments and Lodges, in common application to each.

For complete records of the proceedings; for the able reports of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, the Historiographer, and for the voluminous correspondence of the two former with foreign jurisdictions, we must necessarily refer you to the revised Journal of the Grand Lodge United States, which will, in due time, be placed in your hands and which you will find important and exceedingly interesting.

We would especially call your attention to the report of the Committee on Dues and Benefits, to whom was referred the exhaustive report of our Right Worthy Grand Scribe on that subject, which, in obedience to your orders, your Representatives had the honor of presenting to the consideration of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge United States, and which was received and acted upon by that Body, with a due sense of its eminent importance.

If there is any one point at which our Order is less guarded against future disaster than any other, it is in the want of a symmetrical, thoroughly digested code on this subject, and we not only owe our thanks to our Grand Scribe for the talent, labor, and research he has expended in his efforts to bring order out of chaos in this regard, but it becomes every individual member of our Order to give his earnest thought and effort to fortifying this weak point in our system.

We feel assured that a little examination and reflection, on this subject, will satisfy every brother that we have not exceeded our duty in adding our voices to those of the faithful watchmen who have sounded the tocsin of alarm. Once made secure on this point and our fortress is impregnable.

STATISTICS.

With the figures quoted from the report of the venerable Grand Secretary we subjoin extracts from his comments on the same as more eloquent and suggestive than any remarks of our own could be :

	Year 1873.	Year 1874.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges	46	46		
Subordinate Lodges.	5,486	5,987	501	
Rebekah Degree Lodges	512	632	120	
Grand Encampments	36	38	2	
Subordinate Encampments	1,512	1,630	118	
Lodge initiations	57,454	55,005		2,449
Lodge members	414,815	438,701	23,886	
Encampment members	80,131	83,445	3,314	
Relief by Lodges	$1,335,937.33	$1,374,742.54	$38,805.21	
Relief by Encampments	150,787.06	158,708.36	7,921.30	
Relief by Rebekah Lodges	3,550.33	4,542.51	992.18	
Total relief	1,490,274.72	1,537,993.41	47,718.69	
Revenue of Lodges	3,939,793 62	4,006.331.26	66,537.64	
Revenue of Encampments	478,469.06	465,985 01		$12,484 05
Revenue of Rebekah Ldges.	15,738.40	38,664.22	22,925.82	
Total Revenue	4,434,001.08	4,510,980.49	76,979 41	

(Semi-Annual Communication, November 15th, 1875.)

Again we have cause for rejoicing at our onward career, notwithstanding the past year has been one of great business depression. Our progress, was not so extended as we could have wished, has been solid, and indicates a general undiminished devotion to the cause. Advices from every quarter express the utmost confidence, that when commerce and the industries of the country shall have resumed a healthful channel, Odd Fellowship will share with its accustomed good fortune in the common welfare.

Who can calculate the value of such institutions, not only to their immediate membership, but as substantial public supports? Their withdrawal would be seriously feft, not only as the loss of an immense moral power in society, but also from the fact that their absence would necessarily transfer the burden which they bear to the public. Among the many tributaries to the general welfare of this character which are diffusing blessings upon men, from year to year, noiselessly, yet most effectively, Odd Fellowship by its widely extended resources has done a colossal work. A brief statement from our records, without the aid of comment, will abundantly verify this fact:

From 1830 to December 31, 1874—

Initiations	924,428
Members relieved	685,963
Widowed families relieved	91,095
Members deceased	60,776
Total receipts	$55.338,423.82
Total relief	20,542,494.71

At the present time, as reported December 31, 1874, there are—

Grand Lodges	46
Grand Encampments	38
Subordinate Lodges	5,987
Subordinate Encampments	1,630
Lodge members	438,701
Encampment members	83,445

The Lodges in Australia and Germany are not included in the above statement.

These figures are presented, not as a vindication of our Order against aspersions which are sometimes cast against it, as a selfish community, but to show the practical value of such agencies to society at large, in strengthening the arm of government, adding, as they do, immense power to it, by the moral supports which they supply. Not that we would boast or be vainglorious of our good works, but that necessarily, in describing our mission during half a century and more, its fruits must appear and illustrate, as a natural outgrowth, the divine principles upon which Odd Fellowship rests. Yet, notwithstanding this glorious record, has our pathway been impeded and greatly hindered. We have, however, survived all opposition, and can to-day congratulate ourselves that we have at length enlisted the favor of all good men in Church and State, of every class and calling, and

of every kindred benevolent Order, without exception, and have thus conquered every enemy worthy of consideration. Justly, therefore, may we exult upon our signal prosperity, especially when it has been reached by our own unaided labors. Looking from the present standpoint upon the past of American Odd Fellowship, and from these forming a rational estimate of its future, our hearts may swell with honest pride in the consciousness that we have not lived in vain. We are here then not only to legislate for the present needs of this great brotherhood, to promote its unity and thus preserve its healthful life, but to transmit it with increasing power and capability to our descendants. In another half century it will, in all probability, have girdled the earth with its golden chain, and diffused its blessings upon millions. Can it be a matter of wonder that, in such a cause, we should be here to counsel together for its welfare, to renew our vows of fidelity and devotion to it, and to each other, and to supplicate with uplifted hearts for the continued favor of *Him* who has ever been its firm friend and support, and for the promotion of whose original intendment of fraternity among men, it has unremittingly toiled for so many years? Oh, no! the wonder would be that we could be such unworthy descendants of the noble sires who have bequeathed to us the legacy, as to fail to realize its value and our duty to preserve and perpetuate it.—*Extract from Grand Secretary Ridgely's Report.*

GRAND SIRE'S DECISIONS.

A great many questions have been propounded to me for my decision. Many of them were so plain and simple, I have not deemed it necessary to report them. Many questions have been propounded by Subordinate Lodges, and the private members under the various State jurisdictions; these I have refused to answer, because it was not my duty so to do, and also because it would not have been treating with due respect the various officers of those jurisdictions by answering questions which they had a right to decide. In some instances these questions came in the nature of an appeal from the decisions of said officers. The first Section of the fourth Article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the United States defines my powers and duties in this regard, and beyond and outside of that I cannot go. The following decisions I desire to report for your approbation or rejection:

First. A member in good standing in his Lodge is entitled to pecuniary benefits while sick and unable to attend to his ordinary avocation, although he may have an income sufficient for his support.

Second. It is lawful for a Subordinate Lodge to donate its funds for any purpose within the object and scope of the Order.

Third. The general management and conduct of Degree Lodges are subjects of local legislation.

Fourth. That a Grand Lodge of a State must grant an appeal from its decision to the Grand Lodge of the United States; and that in vacation, the Grand Master cannot grant said appeal.

Fifth. That a Subordinate Encampment should not use its funds to procure street uniform.

Sixth. That a member of a Subordinate Lodge, desiring to join an Encampment, should join the nearest Encampment to his residence in the same jurisdiction.

Seventh. That a brother in good standing cannot be kept out of his Grand or Subordinate Lodge while the minutes of the preceding meeting are being read, if he desires to enter and can work his way into the Lodge.

Eighth. That the Grand Encampment of Ohio has no right to assign as a Representative of a district a patriarch who is not a member of an Encampment in the district he is assigned to represent.

Ninth. That the law authorizing the Noble Grand of a Lodge to communicate the semi-annual password to a brother of another Lodge, at the request of the Noble Grand of the Lodge to which he may belong, under the seal of the Lodge, applies to the Noble Grands in the same jurisdiction, and not in different jurisdictions.

Tenth. That when a member of an Encampment has been dropped for the non-payment of dues, it is not imperative upon the Encampment to reinstate him, although he may offer to pay up all his dues; but if they refuse to reinstate him; they should grant him a Dismissal Certificate.

Eleventh. That when a person has been elected to receive all the Encampment Degrees, and a dispensation has been granted to confer them all at the same meeting, it is lawful for another Encampment in the same jurisdiction to confer said degrees at the request of the Encampment in which he was elected.

Twelfth. That there is no law compelling Subordinates Lodges to send their members to a Degree Lodge to receive the degrees, although the Degree Lodge may be in the same city or town.

Thirteenth. That while Subordinate Encampments are in session, transacting their ordinary business, the members should not wear their street uniform.

Fourteenth. That a member of an Encampment, clothed in street uniform, presenting himself for admission while the Encampment is transacting its ordinary business, may be admitted; but should be compelled to clothe himself in proper regalia while he remains in the Encampment.

Fifteenth. That what is meant by a ballot, is when the Noble Grand declares the ballot closed, and announces the result.

Sixteenth. That a Lodge or Encampment, with its officers, can, in a body, visit another Lodge or Encampment outside of its jurisdiction without cards or the Annual Traveling Pass Word.

Seventeenth. That the Washington Monument is not such an object or purpose as is contemplated by our laws to which the funds of a Subordinatt Lodge can or should be appropriated.

Eighteenth. That the law of the last session, prescribing a street uniform, is supreme, and virtually abrogates any law of a State jurisdiction in conflict with it.

Nineteenth. That a Past Grand of the Royal Purple Degree can and may wear a jewel of yellow metal. (See Digest, 1655.)

Twentieth That a record of a trial in the Courts upon a charge of the violation of the laws of the land, is *prima facie* proof of the facts appearing therein, and where charges are preferred against a brother for a violation of the laws of the Order, the same he has been tried for in the Courts, the record in the Courts is competent proof in the trial in the Lodge, and is conclusive, unless other evidence be introduced besides that in the record; and on such trial, either party may introduce such evidence as is not embraced in the record.

These decisions, having been referred to the Judiciary Committee, Representative Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, the chairman thereof, made the following report upon the same, which was adopted, viz:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the decisions made by the M. W. Grand Sire, and submitted for your approval, respectfully recommend that the 1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th, be approved. The 4th, 6th, 11th, 15th, and 16th, should be modified, as follows:

4th. A Grand Master cannot grant an appeal from the action of his Grand Lodge.

6th. It is left to local State legislation to regulate whether or not a member of a Subordinate Lodge shall join the nearest Encampment to his residence.—Dig. 1718.

11th. That when a person has been elected to receive all the Encampment degrees, and has received the Patriarchal degree, and a dispensation has been granted to confer the other degrees at the same meeting, it is lawful for another Encampment in the same jurisdiction to confer these degrees at the request of the Encampment in which he was elected and admitted to the Initiatory or Patriarchal degree.

15th. A ballot is closed when it is so declared by the presiding officer.

16th. That a Lodge or Encampment, with its officers, can, in a body, visit another Lodge or Encampment outside of its jurisdiction without cards or the A. T. P. W., but it is necessary that the one of their first two officers in charge of such visiting body, must be in possession of the A. T. P. W. and have his card.

The 14th decision was recommitted to the committee, who reported the following, under instruction, viz:

14th. That a member of an Encampment, clothed in street uniform, presenting himself for admission while the Encampment is transacting its ordinary business, shall be treated the same as if he presented himself without such uniform.

CENTENNIAL.

Past Grand Sire Nicholson presented, upon this subject, a preamble and resolutions, which, on motion of the same brother were referred to a special committee of nine.

Brother J. B. Nicholson, Past Grand Sire, Chairman of the Committee to whom the matter was referred, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Committee to whom was referred the Preamble and Resolutions relative to the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and a participation in the celebration of the Centennial of the existence of the United States of America, after a full consideration of the importance of the subject, and of the vast interests that are involved therein, respectfully beg leave to report, that the remarkable success of the Order in the United States could not have been attained under hostile Governments, nor among a people that did not possess a certain homogeneousness of character; that whilst it may and does overleap political barriers, and overcome sectional divisions, its progress is retarded by local prejudices. Covering, as the United States do, an immense extent of territory, an area was presented wherein the Order might work out, without hindrance, except from human frailty, some of its grand problems for the amelioration of the ills to which humanity is subject. In return for the advantages presented, the Order has not been unmindful of its obligations, nor has it been ungrateful to the country upon whose soil it has flourished. Its example has been of inestimable value, its teachings and influences have been of that character that if the people of the whole country had been deeply and truly impressed by them, the battle fields, where the men in blue and the men in gray met in mortal conflict, and beneath whose surface thousands now repose, would have known no more bitter struggle than that of the husbandman wrestling a livelihood from the stubborn soil, countless widows and orphans would not have been deprived of their natural protectors and left as they have been, desolate, but peaceful means would have been found for the settlement of all disputes in the past, as it is the hope of every philanthropist that they will be in the future.

Vastness of territory and remoteness of population bring with them some disadvantages; local prejudices are apt to arise, and these are too often unhappily fostered to the detriment of the nation. Against these prejudices Odd Fellowship has ever steadily set its face, fraternal unity being the cardinal, underlying principle, the basis upon which the Order stands. At the Annual Convocations of the Grand Lodge of the United States, representative men from every State in the Union have, for many years, assembled; they have learned to know and to "love one another," despite all local prejudices, and they have carried to their homes a sincere regard for men from other sections of the country, which was healthful in its effects, and was only restricted in its beneficent results by the comparative paucity of the membership.

(Semi-Annual Communication, November 15th, 1875.)

The annual session held in Nashville, in September, 1860, was remarkable in many respects. Not only was it among the last of convocations wherein men from every portion of the land met for deliberation prior to the war, but it was characterized throughout its entire proceedings by the absence of irritating topics, or the introduction of any measures upon which the members would naturally divide according to their party affiliations or their places of abode. The Journals of the Grand Lodge also exhibit what the records of probably no other organization can show—no resolutions nor measures adopted, or even introduced, during the long, sad, weary years of the war, that would not then, and do not now command the hearty, unequivocal support of the entire membership North and South. While other ties were rent asunder by the whirlwind of passion that swept over the land, the fraternal ties of our great brotherhood remained unshaken, and the unity of Odd Fellowship was preserved amid all the conflicting elements.

The annual session of September, 1865, in the city of Baltimore, exhibited the beneficent results of the power of fraternal association. Once more the sky was blue and and the winds were laden with the songs of peace. Representatives from the South and the North took their seats again in the Grand Lodge, with credentials unquestioned, hand met hand in fraternal grasp, and heart went out to heart in loving sympathy, and there was but one spirit that pervaded the Senate of American Odd Fellowship, and that was the living, vital spirit of Fraternity, which is but another name for love.

The Semi-Centennial celebration of the introdnction of the Order into America, brought many members together to rejoice over its peaceful triumphs, but there was no session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in connection therewith, and some portions of the country were not represented. In view of the above hastily recited facts, and of others that might be adduced, it would seem to be eminently right and proper that upon the august occasion now under consideration, that the great Brotherhood that did what it could, on the one hand to prevent war, and on the other to soften its hardships, then to welcome with unbounded joy the blessing of peace, should assemble and marshal its peaceful battalions in the city of "Brotherly Love," in attestation of fraternal unity, and its unwavering adherence to love and fidelity to our common humanity which stands among its golden tenets; and also, that the Grand Lodge of the United States should convene in the city of Philadelphia, and approve by its presence, and its participation in the ceremonies, the outpouring of thanksgiving that the occasion will naturally inspire in the hearts of a Brotherhood whose homes and whose halls are scattered over, and yet are not confined to the North American continent.

The committee recommend the adoption of the appended preamble and resolutions.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
ED. H. FITZHUGH,
JNO. MARTIN,
J. L. SPRING,
JNO. GIBSON,
S. ELLSWORTH,
LUTHER J. GLENN,
D. N. BARROWS.

WHEREAS, The Right Worthy Grand Lodge and the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania have invited the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States to hold its Annual Communication in the City of Philadelphia, in September, 1876; and,

WHEREAS, There are many reasons, independent of fraternal courtesy, why the invitation should be accepted, prominent among which are the facts that the year 1876 is the centennial of the United States of America, and Philadelphia the spot where the American nation was born, and where an event of so much importance in the history of the human race will be commemorated; and,

WHEREAS, The Independent Order of Odd Fellows, whose lifetime on this continent is more than half that of the American nation, has prospered under the benign influence of American institutions, and participates largely in the emotions which the Centennial is calculated to inspire; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the invitations of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge and the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania are hereby cordially accepted, and that the next Annual Communication of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States be held in the City of Philadelphia, in September, 1876.

Resolved, That Wednesday, September 20th, 1876, be set apart by the Order for a general gathering of the brotherhood, and a grand public demonstration, in the City of Philadelphia, in commemoration of the establishment and the perpetuation of the American nation.

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be, and he is hereby directed to invite the respective Right Worthy Grand Lodges and the Right Worthy Grand Encampments under the jurisdiction of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States to participate as bodies, or by delegations, in the fraternal commingling of the Order in Philadelphia.

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Lodges and the Right Worthy Grand Encampments, under the jurisdiction of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, be requested to invite the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments under their respective jurisdictions as bodies or delegations to participate with them in the demonstration.

Resolved, That in the recognition and approval of the proposed celebration, Lodges and Encampments shall have sufficient warrant to make appropriations to carry out the objects of the demonstration in such a manner as they in their judgment shall deem proper.

Resolved, That in view of the adoption of the foregoing resolutions, the Most Worthy Grand Sire be requested, when issuing the usual proclamation for the celebration of the 26th of April, to call the attention of the brotherhood to the Centennial Celebration, leaving it optional to celebrate either or both.

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Resolved, That a committee of nine be appointed to make such arrangements as may be necessary to carry the above resolutions into effect, and to co-operate with the authorities of the Order in Pennsylvania in making the proposed celebration successful and creditable to the brotherhood.

In pursuance of the last resolution the Most Worthy Grand Sire appointed the following committee:

On Centennial.—P. G. Sire Nicholson, of Pennsylvania; Representatives Fitzhugh, of Virginia; Leech, of Iowa; Glenn, of Georgia; Porter, of California; Wright, of Ontario; St. John, of New York; Barrows, of Mississippi; Bell, of Ohio.

Dues and Benefits.

Your Representatives, in obedience to the resolution of instruction of this Right Worthy Grand Encampment, passed at the last Annual Session, presented to the Grand Lodge of the United States that portion of the Right Worthy Grand Scribe's report relating to dues and benefits, which, in connection with a similar paper presented by the Representatives of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, was referred to the Committee on Dues and Benefits, who made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Special Committee on Dues and Benefits report:

We asked in our report at the last session to be continued, not with the expectation that we could this year present a proper scale of Dues and Benefits, but with confidence that the continuance of the Committee would keep up agitation upon the subject, and thus make advance in the right direction. Nor have we been disappointed. Whoever watches the movements of the Order upon the question of finance will be convinced that its discussion will not cease until the question has been solved. Occasionally a man or a Lodge is found too listless to face the difficulties surrounding the subject, and occasionally some intelligent brother is disposed to challenge the whole doctrine of benefits. But not so with the masses. The journals of the different jurisdictions, and the periodicals of the Order unite in showing the general sentiment to be that our financial system is unsound, and that it must be reformed. No greater mistake can be made than to change our system of benefits into a system of mere charity, as some propose. If Odd Fellowship is to keep in accord with the general movement of the age, it must become a great financial, as well as a great moral power. Things tend and will tend for a century to come to great material or physical development, and in fifty or one hundred years, when our population becomes more crowded and has accumulated greater wealth, this Order must have the rough strength which a full treasury gives, instead of the feeble and uncertain aid of a sickly and puling charity.

Indeed, a wise charity is necessarily systematic. The aid which comes from the fits and starts of an individual is not the aid which the sick, the disheartened or the dead require. It is certain neither in time nor amount. In the long run it will be found that an order upon the Treasurer of a Lodge is more speedy and satisfactory than the hat passed around.

The results of establishing a proper system of dues and benefits is most strikingly illustrated by the present condition of the Manchester Unity as compared with its condition twenty years ago, when it was insolvent. From statistics furnished by Brother James Spry, Secretary of the Unity, in April, 1875, we extract the following, putting the amounts in American instead of English money:

Members, January, 1865	373,509
Members, January, 1875	496,559
Initiated from January, 1865, to January, 1875	327,844
Deaths from 1865 to 1875	56,625
Amount of Lodge Funds, January 1, 1863	$ 8,981,741
Amount of Lodge Funds, January 1, 1874	16,809,670
Admission Fees for last ten years	665,915
Interest on Invested Capital in last ten years	4 407,590
Contributions of Members in last ten years	19,480,580
Paid for Sick Benefits in ten years	12,770.780
Paid for Funeral Benefits in ten years	2,621,080

Brother Spry adds: "The immense representative value of the contributions received and disbursed does not fully represent the income and expenditures of the Manchester Unity. The charges for pure management, over and above these figures, may be taken at three cents weekly for each person, out of which printing, stationery, rents, salaries, gifts in cases of charity, medical attendance, and a variety of other minor matters will represent an income and expenditures of over 30,000 pounds sterling per annum, while our Widow and Orphan Funds disburse in various modes of benefit 20,000 pounds per annum.

The Royal Commissioners, who have had the examination of our affairs, pronounced the Manchester Unity to be the best friendly society in Great Britain, either financially or socially, considered on its special merits.

It will be seen that the amount of Lodge funds, January 1, 1874, was the large sum of $16,809,670; and that the interest on capital invested during ten years was $4,407,590, and this at the low rates of interest in England. What a contrast with the condition of bankruptcy but a few years ago! That this altered condition is due exclusively to the adoption of a system of dues, graduated according to age at initiation, and upon the law of sickness and mortality in the locality of the Lodge, is plain.

Turning to the Order here and how weak is its financial condition when compared with the Manchester Unity! There the interest on invested capital amounts to nearly half a million dollars per annum, with a rate of interest not one-third of that received in this country. At six per cent. per annum the amount would be $1,000,000 yearly, and at nine per cent.—the rate in some States—the amount would be $1,500,000! When, under our system, will the annual interest money of the Lodges be $1,500,000? Although we have no means of knowing the exact available assets of the Order, we are satisfied from estimates that they are far below the assets of the Manchester Unity, and that while the condition of the latter will improve from year to year, our condition will become worse with time.

(Semi-Annual Communication, November 15th, 1875.)

The evil day may be delayed from causes mentioned in our report of 1873, (Journal, 5907,) but it will surely come. We desire to repeat the warnings of our first report. The instances of Lodges failing to pay the benefite due, or seeking to evade them by reducing them to a nominal amount, are numerons, and we wish to put the fact on paper for members to look at. There is no use shutting our eyes. At this very session there is an appeal from the prosperous jurisdiction of California, showing that one of the oldest Lodges there sought to amend its By-Laws so that when a member had received sick benefits to the amount of $2,500 he could not thereafter, when sick, receive over $2 per week as benefits—the usual benefit being $10 per week. The fact is, this By-Law was intended to meet the case of a brother who had already drawn about $2,700 from the Lodge.

In San Francisco Lodge, No. 3, of California, a committee appointed in 1873 to report upon the finances of the Lodge, state that the Lodge had paid he following benefits to five brothers, neither of whom had paid into the treasury over $350, and three of whom were still drawing benefits:

To A	$1,550
To B	1,830
To C	1,550
To D	820
To E	650

That committee also put the total receipts of the Lodge for the year 1873 at $6,500, and the total expenditures, including benefits, at $6,000, leaving a balance for investment of only $500—not eight per cent. of the total receipts. And yet this is one of the best Lodges in that State. Age and a few chronic cases of sickness have told the tale.

So in Pennsylvania. The report of the Grand Secretary of that largest jurisdiction in the Order, furnishes food for a year's thought for every Lodge in America. Here we have the sickness of each 50 Lodges from No. 1 to No. 851, and the difference in the per centage of sickness in the old and new Lodges is very marked, showing that in youth we must provide for old age or the old age will be cheerless. The tables below show that in the first fifty Lodges the average sickness per annum to each 100 members was 98 20-100 weeks, while in the last fifty Lodges, from No. 801 to No. 851, the average was only 15 92-100 weeks.

We insert the following from that report:

"In the items of receipts, expenditures and assets, there is a want of system in the enumeration of the details. Some reports indicate that the transfer of investments are included in the receipts and expenditures; in others the interest received from investment is not included in the receipts; some do, and others do not include furniture, regalia, etc., in the assets; yet, after making full allowances for these exceptional deviations, the comparison of an annual report with a preceding one, furnishes, by means of the general average, interesting data, from which some conclusions of value may be safely drawn.

"The receipts of the Subordinate Lodges for the past year are reported at	$814,939 72
"The amount expended for relief at	378,858 15
	$436,081 57
"Amount added to the assets or reserve fund	233,118 18
"Showing the working expenses to have been	$202,963 39

or 24 78-100 per cent. of the entire receipts. Whatever losses there may have been, owing to improper loans or investments, or by fire, are made in the above exhibit to appear as part of the working expenses. If the losses could be ascertained and deducted, the per centage would be greatly reduced.

"The aggregate cost of the expenses for rent, light, fuel, stationery, advertising, regalia, per capita tax, &c., for the Lodges, when reduced to each individual member, has been $2.15 for the year, or 4 1-8 cents per week for each member of the Order in the jurisdiction. This data affords a basis, upon which, by adding the probabilities of sickness or cost of relief, calculations may be made as to what amount of dues the members ought to pay into the treasury of a Lodge in order to insure the payment of a certain amount of benefits to the sick.

"There are some who will be startled at this exhibition of the working cost of the organization, but a comparison with the expenses of many insurance companies will result greatly to the advantage of the Order, and when it is remembered that there are 844 rooms in Pennsylvania, all of them neat and comfortable, many of them spacious and elegant, that are thrown open weekly as places of meeting and resort for the membership, for social, moral and intellectual culture, the surprise is rather that so many opportunities, enjoyments and advantages can be secured for such a small weekly pittance.

"The semi-annual reports of the Subordinate Lodges upon the subject of the number of weeks' sickness for which benefits have been paid, have been carefully collated, and the general aggregates are doubtless close approximations to the actual facts, and to the experiences of the individual Lodges' and are therefore exceedingly valuable.

"The returns show that in a reported membership of 94,401, there have been 59,392 weeks of sickness for which benefits have been paid, being an average of 62 90-100 weeks' sickness per annum for every one hundred members; or, to state it in another manner, if the sickness had been distributed pro rata among the membership, every member would have been sick four days, nine hours and forty-two minutes during the year. This affords a basis for estimates, but allowance must be made when the application is made to an individual Lodge arising out of the age of the members, and their occupations, as well as the location of the Lodge. In some Lodges the members generally are engaged in more unhealthy and hazardous pursuits

than in others; therefore, in the former there will be more sickness, and consequently there must be higher dues paid to meet the demands upon the treasury of the Lodge.

"The report made last year, based upon six months' experience, showed an average sickness of 62 25-100, and is wonderfully confirmed by the experience of the twelve months now presented; each sustains the other in the general grouping of the facts.

"In order that the Lodges may see to what they are tending as years pass by, the following table is submitted into which the Lodges are divided into fifties and into hundreds. It is a glass into which the young Lodges may look and behold themselves as age steals upon them, and they should make provision in due season for the future:

Lodges numbering from	Number of members in each 50 Lodges.	Number of weeks' sickness in each 50 Lodges.	Average weeks' sickness in 50 Lodges, and each 100 members.	Average weeks' sickness in each 100 Lodges for every 100 members.
1 to 51	9,474	9,303	98.20	88.78
51 " 101	9,096	7,219	79 36	
101 " 151	7,601	6,023	79.24	71.17
151 " 201	6,764	4,269	63.11	
201 " 251	6,612	4,342	65.67	67.86
251 " 301	5,669	3,972	70.06	
301 " 351	5,804	3,779	65 11	64.92
351 " 401	5,328	3,449	64.73	
401 " 451	4,456	2,444	54.84	59.79
451 " 501	4,486	2,905	64 75	
501 " 551	4,697	2,600	55.35	56.02
551 " 601	4,911	2,784	56.69	
601 " 651	3,848	1,157	30.09	35 91
651 " 701	4,744	1,980	41.74	
701 " 751	4,138	1,575	38.06	33.84
751 " 801	3,740	1,108	29.62	
801 " 851	3,033	483	15.92	
	94,401	59,392		

General average 62 91-100 weeks' sickness among every 100 members.

"Considering the cost of management and of relief, together with the fact that in almost every Lodge there are weeks of sickness for which no benefits are claimed or paid, but for which the Lodge is liable if the claim be made in due season, it is not safe to assume less than one week's sickness for each member, and applying the information thus gathered, it may be stated as a general proposition that a Lodge, with an average membership as to numbers, age, and healthful pursuits, can not pay five dollars per week to the members when sick, for less than fifteen cents per week for dues. If the members are engaged in hazardous or unhealthy occupas tions, or if there are many aged brothers among the members, or those whose diseases will make them claimants for many years, unless the Lodge has a large invested fund, the interest of which is added to the receipts from

dues, an increase of weekly dues will be required, or a reduction of the benefits, to enable the Lodge to fulfil the contract made in the By-Laws to its members. All the circumstances that modify the sick rate, or that are connected with the working expenses of a Lodge, should be considered, and the calculations made accordingly. For every Lodge to depend entirely upon general average would be manifestly unsafe."

In addition to the local results already submitted, your committee most earnestly invite attention to the following brief exhibit of general aggregates and deductions:

It appears from the report of the Grand Secretary that the total receipts of the 5,987 Subordinate Lodges embraced within the several jurisdictions, amounted in the year 1874 to $3,988,443. From all the data now accessible, it is a fair assumption that full fifty per cent. of this sum was disbursed for expenses, thus leaving $1,994,221 for benefits, investment and contingent purposes.

It aiso appears from the same report that the total relief rendered in the year 1874 was $1,371,315. Hence only the comparatively trifling sum of $522,906 remains for investment and all other miscellaneous uses. This will average only about $875 for each Lodge—a very inadequate provision for our increasing demands and responsibilities.

While fifty per cent. of all our receipts are disbursed for expenses, and nearly thirty-four and a half per cent. for relief, only a fraction over fifteen and a half per cent. remains for permanent investment. It is a most startling revelation when considered in its important and vital relations. With its results before them, your committee would be untrue to their convictions of duty, and unfaithful to the best interests of our Order, did they not urge the importance not only of a careful and seasonable consideration of their significant teaching, but of prompt action in providing for the inevitable demands of the future by every Lodge and Encampment under our jurisdiction.

In conclusion, while some committees are aware that the facts necessary to establish a proper system of dues and benefits are not yet at hand, still each year is adding to our knowledge. As we understand it, the great object in appointing this committee was by degrees to get statistics. It would be impossible to compel the Subordinate Lodges to jump at once from the present imperfect to a perfect system, based upon proper statistics, such as an actuary must finally have. Hence in 1873 we simply required Subordinates to add to their usual returns the number of weeks' sickness in each Lodge; recommending at the same time that the Grand Bodies ascertain the other essential facts. With our requirement as to the weeks' sickness the Subordinates have only partially complied. The inexperience of Secretaries and their unconsciousness of the real necessity of that item doubtless are the reasons for the defects in the returns. But they improve each year; and the tables furnished by Pennsylvania are conclusive of the value of the requirement. They afford absolute proof that the present system of dues and benefits totters and must fall; that difference in the sickness of old and

new Lodges, 98 20-100 weeks to the former, and 15 92-100 to the latter, assumes a shape that will not down at the bidding of any Lodge. We, therefore, press upon State Grand Bodies the necessity of complying with the recommendations of our report in 1873; and especially urge their subordinates to a prompt and steady attention to their financial affairs. As we said in 1873 the system of dues and benefits in each State must depend upon the law of sickness and mortality in that State, and the other items peculiar there. So that reform ought to begin with the several Grand Bodies. If they do not act in due time, this Grand Lodge will be compelled to act in their place. It has always been the policy of this Lodge to leave to those Bodies complete control of the finances of their Subordinates, and hence your committee content themselves with reminding them of what seems to be plain duty to the Order they represent.

We recommend that this committee be continued, with instructions to further report at the next session.

JOHN B. HARMON,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
ERIE J. LEECH,
M. S. DOWDEN,
JULIUS L. CLARKE.

Powers of Elective Grand Officers and Grand Representatives to Introduce Visiting Brothers.

Representative Driscol, of Rhode Island, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the following question submitted under instruction from the Grand Lodge of Nevada, by Representatives Hammond and Julian of that jurisdiction, "have elective Grand Officers and the Right Worthy Grand Representatives the same right to introduce visiting brothers into Right Worthy Grand Lodges that they have in Subordinate Lodges?" respectfully report:

That the construction given to By-Law XIV, providing that a brother may always visit, if introduced by a Grand Representative or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment under whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit, is that Grand Representatives' and elective Grand Officers' privilege of introduction are confined exclusively to the jurisdiction or branch of the Order they represent. (Digest, 880.) This privilege enables a Grand Representative or an elective Officer of a Grand Lodge to introduce a brother possessing the requisite qualifications as well into such Grand Lodge as into a Subordinate Lodge under its jurisdiction.

Representative Garey, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the proposition of Representative Porter, of California, on the subject of the introduction of visiting brothers by Grand Representatives, having fully considered the subject, beg leave to report that the legislation suggested is of a useful nature, and cannot fail to be of advantage to the Order. But as the existing regulation authorizing such introduction is a By-Law. it will be necessary to offer it as an amendment of that nature. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That Article XIV of the By-Laws be stricken out and re-enacted, so as to read as follows:

Article XIV.—No brother can be admitted to visit or deposit his card in a Lodge or Encampment out of the State, District or Territory where he resides, unless he presents a card as furnished under the signatures of the proper officers and seal of the Lodge or Encampment of which he is a member, and signed on the margin in his own proper handwriting, and proves himself in the Annual Traveling Pass Word, and in the degree in which the Lodge is open: *Provided*, nevertheless, a brother may always visit, if introduced by a Grand Representative, or any elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment within whose jurisdiction he wishes to visit, Grand Representatives of either branch being hereby authorized to introduce visi ing brothers into both Subordinate Lodges and Encampments in their several jurisdictions; but in all such cases the presiding officer of the same shall be satisfied that the brother introducing such visitor is a Grand Representative of the jurisdiction to which said Lodge or Encampment belongs. *And provided further*, That the holder of a dismissal certificate regularly issued by a Lodge or Encampment may deposit the same in any other Lodge or Encampment, as the case may be, under such rules and upon such conditions as the jurisdiction in which it is offered for deposit may prescribe; but he shall not be required to be in possession of the Annual Traveling Pass Word, nor can he visit a Lodge or Encampment by virtue of such certificate.

Renunciation of Odd Fellowship.

Representative Birchett, of Mississippi, from the Legislative Committee, made the following minority report, which was substituted for the majority report, and adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned member of the Legislative Committee, dissents from the opinion of the majority of said committee in reference to their action on the resolution of Representative Barrows, of Mississippi, and submits that the subject matter of the said resolution is proper matter for legislation, and offers the following resolution:

Resolved, That if an Odd Fellow shall renounce the Order, he thereby forfeits all benefits to which by law he may be entitled, from the time of his renunciation.

(Semi-Annual Communication, November 15th, 1875.)

Disqualification of the Atheist for Membership.

Representative Lamberton, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the inquiry from the Grand Encampment of Iowa, submitted by Representative Hartman, of that jurisdiction, "whether a member of the Order who does not believe in the existence of a Supreme Being, declaring himself to be an Atheist, is a proper applicant to petition for membership in an Encampment," respectfully report:

By constitutional requirement, belief in a Supreme Being, the Creator and Preserver of the Universe, is made a qualification for membership. Digest, 1095. Such a belief is essential to the proper reception and appreciation of the principles, teachings and riualt of Odd Fellowship. And if it is an established fundamental qualification for admission to a Subordinate Lodge, much more is it necessary for admission to the higher branch of the Order. To commend to the avowed Atheist the men of faith who trusted in God, to introduce him among those who acknowledge and reverence Him as the Father of all men, to ask him to participate in prayer and praise to the Creator and Preserver whom he denies, would be a hollow mockery.

Your committee are of opinion that the Atheist is disqualified for election and admission to an Encampment.

Fire Proof Building for the Archives of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Representative Rawlings, of Maryland, from the special committee on that portion of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's report relating to a fire proof building, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's report as relates to a fire proof building, to be put up adjoining the present office of the Grand Secretary, (the Grand Lodge of Maryland consenting,) at a cost of not to exceed $3,000, have given the subject their careful consideration and respectfully report that the recommendation of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, if carried into effect, will secure a suitable building adjoining his present office at a less cost than can be procured in any other location. The committee are of the opinion that a fire proof building can be put up within the proposed limit of cost that will meet all the requirements of the Grand Lodge on this subject. We therefore fully accord with the recommendation of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary on the subject of a fire proof building for the use of this Right Worthy Grand Lodge be approved, and the Grand

Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and the Representatives from the jurisdiction of Maryland be a committee to arrange for the erection of the building as proposed.

Resolved, That three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the purpose above named.

Resolved, further, That the committee above designated, should they believe that it would better promote the interests of the Grand Lodge, instead of building the fire proof provided for by the first resolution, are hereby authorized to contract with the Grand Lodge of Maryland to build the same in the place prescribed, and to enter into an agreement on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States to rent or lease the same for ten or more years, at such rental as they may deem to be just and reasonable.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Past Grand Representative Tal. P. Shaffner, LL. D., of Kentucky, having presented to each officer and representative of the Grand Lodge of the United States a beautiful and costly copy of a valuable work on Odd Fellowship, of which he is the author, Representative Muckle, of Pennsylvania, from a special committee of thanks to that brother, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:

The laudable efforts made by individuals to disseminate the principles of our beloved institution, should not only be encouraged but highly commended; and the latest example displayed in the noble, unselfish action exhibited by Past Grand Representative Tal. P. Shaffner, in his desire to spread a knowledge of the Order throughout the civilized world by the issue of an expensive and elaborately gotten up work on the subject, and distributed by him free of charge, merits at the hands of the Grand Lodge an expression of thanks; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F., be and they are hereby tendered to Past Grand Representative Tal. P. Shaffner, LL. D., for the generous gift of a copy of his publication on Odd Fellowship to each of the officers and members in attendance at this annual session.

Resolved, That the above preamble and resolution be suitably engrossed by the Grand Recording Secretary, attested by the Grand Officers, and that the same be transmitted to Past Grand Representative Tal. P. Shaffner, in appreciation of his labors in the glorious work in which we are so earnestly engaged.

Qualifications for Membership in Foreign Jurisdictions.

Brother Sanders, Past Grand Sire, from the Special Committee on the Qualifications for Membership in Foreign Jurisdictions, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States:

The special committee to whom was referred so much of the Most Worthy

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Grand Sire's and Right Worthy Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's reports as refer to the qualifications for membership in Foreign Jurisdictions, and more especially as to Australia and the Sandwich Islands, respectfully report that they have given these very important subjects due and careful consideration; that they have examined the former legislation of this Grand Lodge, and find that these same subjects have been before this body several times, and in all of them the decisions have been that no satisfactory reasons had appeared to make the proposed change. At the annual session of 1874, the Committee on Foreign Relations reported that, "The policy of this Grand Lodge on this subject has long been settled," and agreed with the sentiment of this Grand Lodge as formerly expressed, viz: "An organic law, ever since the establishment of the Order, has restricted the right of admission to the white race." This Grand Lodge at the same session, on the proposition to amend our Constitution so as to admit Indians, or persons of Indian descent, and also to allow certain jurisdictions to fix the age of candidates, indefinitely postponed the same. In fact, the past legislation, with but one exception, has always been in unison with the idea of but one law and one constitution for American Odd Fellowship. Your committee can but reiterate these views. We find no satisfactory or conclusive reasons for any change. We believe these questions are and should be settled beyond any further controversy, and it should be for the future understood that this Grand Lodge will not discriminate between our own laws and those of foreign jurisdictions; that our laws on these subjects are fixed and determined, and of general application, and that all future appeals for change in these respects will be useless and of no effect. We believe that when these views are generally known and understood, we will be relieved from these constant applications to change our organic law. Your committee have therefore reported the accompanying resolution for your consideration.

Your committee would also report that they have had before them Brother W. C. Parke, of Honolulu, Sandwich Islands, and have had free communication with him in reference to the change asked in respect to color, and as to the effect on their membership if the proposed change could be made, and we are satisfied from his candid admission, that while it would meet the minds of their membership, no large additions would be made to their numerical strength. That the utmost that might be expected would be some two or three Lodges with a membership of perhaps some one hundred more members.

Resolved, That admission to our Order has always been restricted to the white race. That this law has been and is now well established and understood wherever American Odd Fellowship is known, and that any and all attempts to change the same should not be countenanced by this Right Worthy Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That this committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject.

FORFEITURE BY A DAUGHTER OF REBEKAH, A WIDOW, OF MEMBERSHIP ON MARRIAGE WITH A SECOND HUSBAND WHO IS NOT AN ODD FELLOW.

Representative Hickok, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States.

Wm. H. Barnes, Past Grand Master, appeals from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in affirming the following decisions of Grand Master Stebbbins, of that jurisdiction:

1. That the Noble Grand of a Subordinate Lodge cannot confer the five Subordinate Degrees.

2. That a Daughter of Rebekah forfeits her membership if she marries a person who is not an Odd Fellow.

3. That it is not imperative that the Bible should be in a Lodge room when said Lodge is in session.

In regard to the first point of appeal, the right to confer the "five Subornate Degrees" is guaranteed to Subordinate Lodges by their charters. The Digest Grand Lodge United States—459a—defines it as "an inherent right," and no State Grand authority is competent to contravene it. The au hority thus given to the Subordinate Lodge is consequently given to its Noble Grand as its officer.

The law of the Grand Lodge of New York, on which the decision of Grand Master Stebbins is predicated, viz: That the conferring of degrees "is strictly a prerogative belonging to the District Deputy Grand Master," being a contravention of the chartered rights of Subordinates, and the enactments of the Grand Lodge United States, is, of course, inoperative.

On the second point of appeal, it is defined on page 21, Degree of Rebekah C. B., how the annual Pass Word is to come into possession of a Daughter of Rebekah, who may be a widow, and when her right to have the same communicated to her ceases. Her forfeiture, by marriage to any other than an Odd Fellow, to retain the rights of membership, in the opinion of your committee virtually forfeits the membership itself.

In submitting this opinion, your committee are aware that this Grand Lodge has rendered some decisions which seem to be, in a measure, in conflict with the directions and instructions of the C. B., but your committee deem said directions and instructions to be paramount and binding, and their recommendation is in accordance therewith.

As to the third matter of appeal, the C. B., page 34, says the Holy Bible is an integral part of Odd Fellowship, and it is so regarded by the Grand Lodge United States, and it is necessary that it should be present in every Lodge while open for business.

Your committee offer the following resolution:

Resolved, That the appeal of Wm. H. Barnes, Past Grand Master, on the first and third points thereof be sustained, and on the second point be dismissed.

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Disposition of Surplus Funds Contributed for Relief and Remaining Undisbursed.

Representative Garey, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the "Resolution of the Grand Lodge of Maryland on the subjects of 'Charity and Relief,'" to be found on page 18 of the Journal, beg leave to report: That the subject is of supreme importance, and seems to demand the immediate attention of this body. Although ours is mainly a beneficial association, yet we have taken the front rank in voluntary contributions; for, singular to relate, the donations made by our Order have even exceeded the ordinary bounds of charity. Such bounty, under the name of "relief," has grown into a system, and has reached such proportions as to call for the greatest care and consideration. That particular form of "relief," which consists of the creation of a fund contributed for the assistance of a particular section of the country suffering under some severe and destructive calamity, has of late assumed an importance which demands our wisest counsels. The Order on such occasions has astonished the world by its liberality, and taken a front place in the ranks of charity. It may also be stated that the funds provided for such purposes have generally been administered in such a manner as to shed great lustre upon all concerned. Yet instances have occurred, in which, after supplying the wants of the afflicted, a surplus has been left, which, in the opinion of many should have been returned to the donors or placed under the control of this body. Such considerations will no doubt greatly affect future action in such cases, unless some legislation of this body shall secure the proper working of such administration of relief. They therefore submit the following:

1. *Resolved*, That when any jurisdiction shall suffer under some great calamity, and a relief committee shall be duly authorized to receive and disburse money to the sufferers, it shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Master of such jurisdiction to see that the Treasurer of such fund shall execute and deliver to him a bond to secure the money placed or to be placed in his hands for the purposes of relief.

2. *Resolved*, That one of the conditions of said bond shall be that, should there be any surplus left in his hands after the purposes for which such fund is contributed have been completed and performed, then that said obligor shall pay the same to the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of the United States upon the order of the Most Worthy Grand Sire.

3. *Resolved*, That in such an event as is set forth in the first resolution, any committee appointed to administer a relief fund shall be required, within a reasonable time, to make to the Grand Master of the jurisdiction a full and complete report of their proceedings in the premises, and especially if there should be a surplus of money on hand to report the amount thereof.

4. *Resolved*, That should any surplus of said moneys be reported as aforesaid, the Grand Master shall notify the Most Worthy Grand Sire of the same, who shall forthwith proceed to draw for the same to the order of the Grand Treasurer.

5. *Resolved*, That any such surplus of moneys that shall come to the hands of the Grand Treasurer as aforesaid, shall be invested and held by him under the orders of this Grand Lodge, to be kept for such purposes of special relief as may seem best to conserve the purposes for which they were contributed.

History of Odd Fellowship.

Representative Owen, of Indiana, from the Committee on History of Odd Fellowship, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States.

The committee to whom was referred the general subject of the History of the Order, would express their great gratification at the improved health of the distinguished Historiographer, and at the prospect of the completion of his valuable labors during the next year. The committee, fully concurring in the general views of the Historiographer, respectfully submit the following recommendations:

1. That as a partial compensation for his labor, the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer be directed to pay to the Historiographer, on the warrant of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, the sum of one thousand dollars.

2. In order to facilitate the preparation of the history for publication, the Historiographer is authorized and empowered to employ an assistant, who shall have charge of such details as may be assigned him by the Historiographer; and for such service the said assistant shall receive the sum of five hundred dollars, to be paid him out of the Treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the warrant of the Most Worthy Grand Sire.

3. A special committee of three shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Sire, whose duty it shall be, upon due notification from the Historiographer, to meet that officer for the examination of his completed MSS. and designs; and upon their approval of the same, they are authorized to furnish an *imprimatur* of endorsement in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

4. The aforesaid committee shall then advertise for proposals for the publication of the History with privilege of copyright to the publisher, subject to conditions hereinafter specified, in such style of typography and illustration as shall be worthy of the Order; but nothing in the above provision shall be so construed as to prevent the committee from rejecting even the highest bidder, if the terms are not satisfactory, and from giving, in that contingency, the copyright to the Historiographer, if he shall be willing to assume the sole risk and expense of publication.

5. In the event of satisfactory proposals from responsible contracting parties for the publication of this work, there shall be paid to the Historiographer, out of the proceeds of copyright purchase, the sum of two thousand dollars, and it shall further be stipulated in the contract that the said copyright shall be subject to a lien of the Historiographer for a royalty of ten per cent. per copy.

6. The special committee hereinbefore provided for shall receive the same mileage and per diem, when summoned to meet the Historiographer and engaged in the duties hereby enjoined, as are paid to Representatives at the present session.

The committee cannot conclude their report without the expression of their conviction that the general plans and syllabus of the work of the Historiographer are such as to promise a contribution of inestimable excellence and value to the historical literature of the Order.

On Tactics and Drill for Uniformed Patriarchs.

Representative Evans, of Nebraska, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States.

Your Committee on Miscellaneous Business to whom was referred the subject matter of "Tactics and Drill for Uniformed Patriarchs," respectfully beg leave to report:

That, owing to the short period of time allowed your committee during the present session, they will not be able to obtain sufficient information on the subject, and to give to it that consideration which its importance demands. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed, whose duty it shall be to report to the next annual session of this Grand Lodge, a "System of Tactics and Drill for Uniformed Patriarchs."

The chair appointed the following Representatives as said committee:

Representatives Driscol, of Rhode Island; Donnelly, of Connecticut; Crane, of New Jersey.

Amendment to the Constitution.

The following amendment to the Constitution Grand Lodge of United States, was considered and adopted. All other proposed amendments were indefinitely postponed.

Amend Article IV of the Constitution by striking out the whole of Section 3, and inserting in lieu thereof, the following, to wit:

Section 3. In the case of death, resignation or removal from office of the Most Worthy Grand Sire, or in case he should absent himself for six months or upwards, beyond the limits of the United States and the British North American possessions, or in case of his inability from physical causes,

to discharge the duties of his office, the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire shall act in his place and shall have and enjoy all the powers and privileges and exercise the duties of said office until the next communication of this Grand Lodge. In case of the death, resignation, removal, absence or inability of both the Most Worthy Grand Sire and the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, all said duties and powers shall be exercised by the Junior Past Grand Sire competent to fill said office, and at the first communication thereafter, the Grand Lodge shall proceed to elect and install a Most Worthy Grand Sire for the unexpired term, and to fill any vacancy that may be occasioned thereby; provided, however, that a mere temporary or transient visit beyond said limits, not exceeding the aforesaid period of time, shall not be so construed as to work a forfeiture of the office.

Granting Visiting Cards.

Representative White, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the resolution of Representative Tyson, of Georgia, as follows:

Resolved, That the Committee on the State of the Order be requested to define the proper manner of granting visiting cards, whether by a formal ballot, or whether the announcement by the chair "that such card will be granted, if no objection, the brother being clear of the books," respectfully report that no *ballot* is necessary, but the application must be passed upon by the Lodge. (Sec. 242, Digest.) This may be done by a formal motion made and seconded, and put by the chair, or it may be done by the presiding officer stating that "the card will be granted if there be no objection." The latter is by general consent of the Lodge, and in such case the card is granted by the action of the Lodge, as much as in the former. Very much of the legislation of all bodies is done by general consent.

On Re-communicating the A. T. P. W.

Representative White, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States

The Committee on the State of the Order to whom was referred the interrogatory of Representative Rawlings, of Maryland, as follows:

"When a withdrawal card has been granted to a member, and the recipient forgets the A. T. P. W , has the Noble Grand of the Lodge from which the Brother withdrew, authority to again communicate the A. T. P. W. on the presentation of the card within one year from the date of its issue? "

Respectfully report that the Noble Grand has the authority to again communicate the word and it is his duty so to do.

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ON PRESENTING BALLOT BOX TO THE SENIOR WARDEN.

Representative White, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the interrogatories presented by Representative Stern, of Nevada, as follows: First, Is it necessary to pass the ballot box to the Senior Warden, either before or after balloting? Second, Is it obligatory upon the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden to wear the Robes (prescribed by this R. W. Grand Lodge) during the conferring of Degrees? respectfully report as to the first, that this whole matter is left to local legislation. This Grand Lodge decided last year that "State Grand Jurisdictions might authorize their Subordinates to enact By-Laws providing that the Vice Grand or other officers might assist the Noble Grand in the examination of the ballot, and make known the result of his examination, the Noble Grand alone having the prerogative of *deciding* whether the candidate is elected or rejected," (Sec. 127a, Digest,) and this rule applies equally to Encampments.

The second question assumes that there are Robes prescribed by the Grand Lodge of the United States for the Chief Patriarch and Senior Warden, which is not the case. The revised Encampment Ritual contains all the prescribed Robes, which are those of the High Priest, Guards, etc., and when they shall be worn, and it nowhere speaks of Robes for the Chief Patriarch or the Senior Warden, and as a consequence those officers are not required to wear Robes during initiation.

APPEALS.

The following resolutions were adopted, viz:

Resolved, That hereafter no appeals will be considered by this Grand Body, at any session thereof, unless the papers in such an appeal shall be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of the Session.

FUNERAL BENEFITS NOT TO BE PAID TO A BROTHER'S EXECUTOR.

Representative St. John, of New York, from the Committee on Appeals, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Appeals, in the matter of the appeal of R. D. Mowry, on behalf of Ophir Lodge, No. 171, of the jurisdiction of California, against the Grand Lodge of that State, respectfully report, That it appears that Brother H. J. Hartnagel, of said Lodge, who was without family, died; and it was found that the Lodge would have owed his family, had he left one, on account of his funeral benefits, a sum of money, which sum was claimed by his executor. The matter was brought before the Grand Lodge of California, and the committee to whom it was referred, reported "that the legal representatives of a deceased brother, other than his widow, orphan children or dependent relatives, are not entitled to his beneficiary dues." Said Grand Lodge did not agree with this report, but instead thereof, adopted the following:

"It being suggested that there are dependent relatives of the deceased brother, namely, an aged father and sisters, in destitute circumstances, the Grand Lodge holds that such dependent relatives are entitled to the sum named in the By-Laws of the Lodge. A demand of an Executor, made on behalf of dependent relatives, should be recognized by the Lodge."

From this action of the Grand Lodge of California, Brother Mowry appeals. There are two questions presented in this case which it will be well for this Grand Lodge to settle:

First, When the Lodge is responsible for funeral benefits, and there are dependent relatives of a deceased brother on whose account the same would be due, is the Lodge to deliver the funds to such relatives, or shall it pay the same to the legal representatives of the deceased?

Second, Who are such dependent relatives as shall be recognized as legitimate claimants of such funds?

Your Committee do not find any case wherein the subject has been considered by this Grand Lodge, except that the petition of Sangamon Lodge, No. 6, of Illinois, reported on page 3118 of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge for the year 1859, and in that case there was no attempt made to settle the second of the above questions; and as to the first, this Lodge decided, "That as to legal representatives of a deceased brother, this Order does not recognize them as having any claim upon the beneficiary dues to a member." And this we think was a correct decision.

Your Committee suppose that by the term "legal representatives," used by the Committee in the last named case, they meant personal representatives; that is, the executor or administrator of the person deceased. It is a part of the functions of the personal representative of a deceased person to pay the debts of the deceased, but it is no part of the design of our Order to pay such debts; that which Odd Fellowship bestows is for the comfort of a brother and his family, and to relieve and administer to their personal and present needs. If we pay the personal representative, he must use the money as he does the other funds of the estate. He will have no right to withhold it from creditors and devote it to the family.

In the appeal now before us, the Grand Lodge of California decided that a demand by an executor, made on behalf of dependent relatives, should be recognized by the Lodge. From this decision the appeal was taken, and for this cause, if for no other, the decision should be reversed.

As to the second question, "Who are the dependent relatives of a deceased brother to be recognized as the legitimate claimants of his benefits?"

It is the policy of our laws to assist a brother in life, and to aid and protect his family, if he has one, after his death. It is not the object of our organization to render aid to others besides the immediate family of the deceased brother. If he have no immediate family, widow, child or other immediate family relative, who was, before his death, dependent on him for support, then he has left no one who has a legitimate claim upon the Order. If he leaves a father, mother, brother, sister, or other indigent relative, who is a member of another family, and was not, in the lifetime of the deceased,

dependent upon him, such indigent relative has no lawful claim on the Lodge of the deceased, not having been a member of his family. If it be claimed that there are such dependent relatives, there should be some proof of the fact, which does not appear in the present case. On the contrary, the Committee reported to the Grand Lodge of California that there were no such relatives. If, however, in any case there were such relatives, your Committee are of the opinion that, after due proof of the fact, the Lodge should pay money due on account of the deceased brother to such relatives directly, and never to the personal representative of the deceased.

There is another question which is indirectly presented in this appeal, which is this—the By-Law of Ophir Lodge governing this subject has the following provision:

"If no funeral expenses are incurred by the death of a Brother no appropriation shall be made from the funds of the Lodge," and it appears from the records that the deceased was buried by the Order of Druids. If the Order of Druids paid all of the expenses of his funeral, then, in the opinion of your Committee, under said provision of the By-Law, Ophir Lodge is not bound to pay anything as funeral expenses; wherefore your Committee recommend that the appeal of Brother Mowry be sustained.

Proposed Amendment to the Constitution.

Representative Medole, of New York, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

Amend Article XII of the Constitution of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, by striking out the word "third," in the first line and insert the word "first," so that the article shall read as follows, to wit:

This Grand Lodge shall meet annually on the first Monday of September, at nine o'clock, A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournment. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

JOHN MEDOLE, of New York,
E. GOVER COX, of Maryland,
S. B. KROGMAN, of Massachusetts,
WILLIAM STEDMAN, of Pennsylvania,
J. G. McAULEY, of Alabama.

Grand Charters Granted.

Authority was granted for the institution of Grand Encampments in Arkansas and Nevada, and Grand Lodges in Dacotah and Chili.

Forms for Trials and Appeals.

Representative Porter, of California, made the following report, which was adopted:

To the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States.

The Committee on Appeals, in view of the fact that a large proportion of the appeal papers, which are sent to this Grand Lodge, are defective in form, causing to the Committee great difficulty properly to consider them, and sometimes a necessity for the return thereof for correction, have provided a set of forms which they believe will be of service to all persons engaged in the matters of appeals, and will tend to facilitate the business of this Grand Lodge. Wherefore they ask this Grand Lodge to recommend that the several State Jurisdictions adopt said forms, with such alterations, if any, as the laws or usages of said jurisdictions may require.

Persons bringing appeals should bear in mind that in Form No. 1, under the head of "Specifications," there should be a full statement of the offence, with place, time, and circumstances; and if any more than one specification, this should be observed in each.

NATHAN PORTER,
For the Committee.

[No. 1.]

CHARGES.

To.....LODGE, No. .....I. O. O. F.

The undersigned, a member of..... .....Lodge, No.....
I. O. O. F., under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the
....I. O. O. F., hereby charges..... .....
.....
a member of..... .....Lodge, No. ..... with having been
guilty of..... ....
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as more fully appears by the following

SPECIFICATIONS:

First:.....
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Second:.....
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Third:.....
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[No. 2.]

SUMMONS.

....LODGE No.. ....., I. O. O. F.
..... 18.....

To.....

SIR AND BROTHER:—You are hereby notified that on.....
day of..... ...., A. D. 18...., Charges and Specifications—of which a certified copy, under the seal of the Lodge, is herewith served on you—were preferred against you and filed in said Lodge, and were referred for trial to the undersigned Committee.

You are hereby summoned to appear before said Committee, at .....on the ....day of..... A. D. 18..... at.....o'clock..... M. of that day, to make answer to said Charges and proceed with the trial thereof. In default of which, you will be reported to said Lodge as being guilty of contempt thereof.

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} Committee.

(To be endorsed on the back of No. 2.)

.....LODGE, NO..... I. O. O. F.
.....18.....

I hereby certify, That on the..... ....day of.....A. D. 18.....at the..... State of .....I served the within Summons, also the Charges and Specifications, referred to therein, by delivering to and leaving with said..... .... the accused, a copy of said Summons, attached to a copy of the Charges and Specifications against him, certified under the seal of the Lodge.

....,
Member of said Lodge.

(To be endorsed on the back of No. 2.)

SUMMONS.

TO

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Filed this..... .....day of..... A. D. 18.....
.....
Secretary of Committee.

(To be endorsed on the back of No. 2.)

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.....18 .....

I hereby admit due service of the within Summons, also of a duly certified copy, under the seal of the Lodge, of the Charges and Specifications referred to herein, this.....day of.....18. ...

[No. 3.]

SUBPŒNA.

.....LODGE, NO....., I. O. O. F.
.....18.....

To.....

You are hereby notified and required to appear before the Committee

heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred by Brother.....
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against Brother.....
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at.....
.....on the
.....day of.....A. D. 18....., at.....o'clock,.....
M. of that day, to testify as a witness therein, on behalf of said.....
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By order of the Committee,

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Secretary of the Committee.

(To be endorsed on the back of No. 3.)

SUBPŒNA.

TO

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(To be endorsed on the back of No. 3)

.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

.....18.....

I hereby certify, That on the.....day of.....A. D. 18....., I served the within Subpœna on.....
.....by delivering to and leaving with him a copy thereof, in the.....,County of.....
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Member of said Lodge.

I hereby accept service of the within Subpœna, at.....
.....this.....day of.....
A. D. 18.....

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[No. 4.]

REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

To.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

Your Committee, heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred against.....
by Brother.....
report that the accompanying documents contain the proceedings of, and the evidence taken before said Committee.

That, from all that appeared to said Committee in said case, they find Brother.....
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.....as to the Specifications of the Charge.

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} Committee.

[No. 5.]

NOTICE OF FILING REPORT.

.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

.....18.....

To.....

Sir and Brother:—Take notice, that the Committee heretofore appointed to try the charges preferred against you by Brother.....
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have this day filed their report herein.

You have two weeks from the date of receiving this notice within which to file your exceptions thereto.

Yours in F., L. and T.,

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Recording Secretary.

(To be endorsed on the back of No. 5.)

NOTICE OF FILING REPORT.

TO

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(To be endorsed on the back of No. 5.)

.....Lodge, No.....I. O. O. F.

.....18.....

I hereby certify, That I served the within notice on.....
.....by delivering to and leaving with him a copy thereof, this.....day of .....A. D. 18....., at the place aforesaid.

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Recording Secretary.

[No. 6.]

BILL OF EXCEPTIONS.

To.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

.....18.....

The undersigned hereby presents the following Bill of Exceptions to the report of the Committee, heretofore made herein, relative to the charges preferred against him by Brother.....
also to the proceedings of and the testimony taken before said Committee; also to the actions and proceedings of said Lodge, relative to said charges.

First: Said charges and specifications are insufficient to show the commission of the offense charged by the accused herein; in this:

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[No. 7.]

NOTICE AND GROUNDS OF APPEAL.

To.....Lodge, No....., I. O. O. F.

Take notice, that the undersigned hereby appeals from the action and

judgment of this Lodge, in the matter of charges preferred against him by Brother .....on the following grounds :

First: The evidence was insufficient to sustain said charges or the report of the Committee herein, in this (here insert wherein the evidence was insufficient.)

Second: Errors committed at the trial, and by the trial committee as follows: (Here insert the error complained of.)

Resolutions of Thanks.

Past Grand Sire Ellison, Chairman of the Committee appointed for that purpose, reported appropriate resolutions of thanks to His Excellency Governor Hendricks, His Honor Mayor Caven, United States Senator Morton, Ex-Vice President Colfax, the citizens of Indianapolis, the Grand Officers and Committee of Arrangements of the Jurisdiction of Indiana, for hopitalities and kind attention shown the members of the Grand Lodge of the United States and their families.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, your Representatives desire to call your attention to a fact very generally conceded throughout all the Jurisdictions, that an apparent cause of the discrepancy in numbers between the membership of the Lodges and the Encampments, is the lack of personal interest manifested by the Patriarchs themselves in the matter, and of effort on their part in bringing the claims of the Encampment degrees intelligently before the Brothers of the Subordinate degrees.

Were due concern evinced in this regard by ourselves, many members of our Order, who, after having attained the Scarlet degree, divide their attachments with other institutions, good enough, no doubt, in themselves, would at least attain a full knowledge of Odd Fellowship before making investments elsewhere, with no better results, financially, and perhaps less advantageous otherwise.

We do not design, in these fraternal remarks, to deprecate, by any means, the affiliation of our membership with other laudable enterprises, but it must be self-evident to all that if Odd Fellowship is good, and if, as is claimed, the degrees of the Encampment are at least not inferior to those of the Lodge, and the advantages of membership therein are financially equal to those presented by ulterior societies, then here should be the Odd Fellows' undivided field of labor, here the expenditure of his concentrated effort, working for the furtherance of tenets and principles that we hold to be paramount; gaining here the honors the high minded honorable man may consistently strive for, and the position, affording power and influence for good that the pure, and the true, and the benevolent may well covet, before turning his energies into other and diversified, if not distracting channels.

Did each member of this Grand Encampment here to-day, conscientiously realize the necessity for, and the potency of personal effort in this direction, and were to return to his constituents with the determination to awaken his fellow Patriarchs to the importance of enlisting each man's individual influ-

ence for the accomplishment of so desirable a result, the semi-annual session of the Centennial year would see the tents of our Order in Pennsylvania, with their cords extended, and their stakes made strong, and teeming with thirty thousand votaries of the "*Golden Rule*" instead, as now, of but little more than half that number.

If we, as Odd Fellows, are sensibly imbued with the conviction that ours is a Heaven directed, Heaven prospered, humanity blessing institution; if we really believe its results are beneficent as we assert them to be on our sorrow riven race, then we are fully justified in our attachment for it, and every consideration of duty and manliness calls upon us for earnest devotion for its well being, and every honorable personal exertion for its success, its good name, its world wide, time enduring perpetuity.

We look back upon our Order's history with wonder. A work has been accomplished for humanity of such marvelous magnitude, that we can hardly comprehend it. Brethren, with the enlistment of virtuous counsels to devise, with true hearts to impel, with faithful hands to hold the helm, and with trust in God, not a vague, shadowy sentiment of superstition, but an implicit, conscious, confiding in Him, who hitherto hath led us, that which has been in our Order's past will, in comparison with its future, be but as the dim glimmering of the morning's light, before the ineffiable brightness of the noon-tide glory.

Thanking you for the confidence you have reposed in us and the honors you have conferred upon us, we are,

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

CHARLES N. HICKOK,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, } *Grand Representatives.*

On motion of Past Grand Patriarch Trinick the report was ordered to appear upon the printed Journal.

The Committee on Centennial Celebration presented the following report, viz:

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.

SIRS AND PATRIARCHS:—We, your committee of thirteen, appointed by the Right Worthy Grand Patriarch for the purpose of preparing for such celebration of the Centennial year as may be determined on, respectfully report—

That this committee met on the 22d of June and organized, when an invitation was received from the committee of thirteen, appointed by the Grand Lodge for a like purpose with ourselves, to unite with it, and become a general joint committee. The invitation was accepted, and an organization of the joint committee effected.

At that time it was only probable that the Grand Lodge of the United States would hold its Communication in 1876, in Philadelphia; it was, there-

fore, deemed advisable to postpone any definite action until that matter was determined.

It having now been resolved that the next meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States will be held in Philadelphia, there can be little doubt that a larger assemblage of the Order will congregate in that city, on the 20th of September, 1876, (the day designated for the display,) than has ever been brought together in any one place, or on any occasion.

At a meeting of your committee, on the 10th of this month, it was resolved to submit the following preamble and resolutions to this grand body for its consideration and approval:

WHEREAS, The Grand Lodge of the United States has resolved to hold its next Annual Communication in the city of Philadelphia, and has directed an invitation to be extended to every jurisdiction to be represented in that city on the 20th day of September, 1876, to take part in a grand celebration of the Centennial of the Declaration of American Independence, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Grand Encampment cordially unites with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Grand Lodge of the United States, in making such arrangements for a public procession of the order, or other demonstrations necessary to manifest the high appreciation of this branch of Odd Fellowship in the glorious event which the nation unites in celebrating.

Resolved, That, as the Patriarchal Order enjoys the exclusive privilege of appearing in pubic in distinctive equipments, and as numerous bodies are already organized and others organizing in our own and other jurisdictions, and equipping as the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States has prescribed, for the purpose of participating in the general display, it behooves the patriarchs in this jurisdiction, and especially in Philadelphia, to prepare to bid them welcome, organized and equipped in the same manner as the visitors expected to be received. It would be a stain on the reputation of the members of the thirty-three Encampments in Philadelphia if no sacrifice is made by them to appear in style and numbers in proportion to their means to welcome brethren from a distance, who are making much larger sacrifices of time and money to do honor to the great occasion; therefore, every patriarch is earnestly invited to unite with some equipped organization, whether of his own Encampment, or that of others, and every Encampment is recommended to urge on its members, especially those within the city of Philadelphia, the necessity of a general hearty co-operation in maintaining the reputation the Patriarchal Order has acquired in this jurisdiction.

Resolved, That the Patriarchal Order of Odd Fellows are strongly impressed by the remarkable blessings which have accompanied this people during the century nearly ended; this Grand Encampment, therefore, earnestly invites all under its jurisdiction to manifest their appreciation by participating in the grand display contemplated, and recommends the appointment of a delegate from each Encampment intending to take part therein, to form a general joint committee of arrangements, in conjunction with committees of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the foregoing be issued in circular, and a copy sent to each Encampment in the jurisdiction, and that each Encampment is respectfully requested to send the name and address of the delegate selected to the Grand Scribe, as early as possible.

SULLIVAN S. CHILD, *M. W. G. P.*,
GEO. BERTRAM, No. 36,
CHAS. N. HICKOK, No. 114,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, No. 51,
JAMES A. SHOLES, No. 101,
J. P. S. GOBIN, No. 144,
AUGUSTUS PFAFF, No. 55,
JOHN J. CLYDE, No. 56,
JOHN CURTIS, No. 17,
J. ALEXANDER SIMPSON, No. 45,
H. W. BAILEY, No. 146,
SAML. HAWORTH, No. 49,
A. M. RAMBO, No. 23,

Committee.

The question being upon the adoption of the resolutions they were unanimously adopted.

The following communication was presented, viz:

PITTSBURGH, *November 2d*, 1875.

James B. Nicholson, Esq., Grand Scribe, I. O. O. F., Philadelphia.

DEAR SIR AND PATRIARCH:

By instruction of this Encampment I am to ask you whether this Encampment could consolidate with the Robert Blum Encampment, south side, taking along all members as they stand in the books on the day of mergement, and also taking funds, books, regalia, etc., along. Our Encampment is losing membership and getting lower in funds, and to better our condition, we would try and consolidate, if we can do it in a legal way; if we cannot we will try and hold on longer.

You would much oblige by answering soon to

Yours Fraternally,
JOSEPH BENEDICT,
Scribe Mercantile Encampment, No. 87, I. O. O. F.

On motion, permission was given to the two Encampments to consolidate into one upon such terms as may be mutually agreed upon.

The following communication from the Grand Encampment of Maryland was presented and on motion it was ordered to appear upon the printed Journal, viz:

(Semi-Annual Communication, November 15th, 1875.)

I. O. O. F.

ODD FELLOWS' HALL,
BALTIMORE, *October* 27, 1875.

To the R. W. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

At a regular meeting of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Maryland, held on Tuesday evening, October 19th, 1875, the following, among other proceedings, were had and unanimously adopted, to wit:

Resolved, That this Grand Encampment has learned with much astonishment of the effort made in the Grand Lodge of the United States so to alter the organic law as to allow the presence of Royal Purple Degree members in Grand Encampments during their sessions. As the oldest Grand Encampment in the Order, we do most solemnly protest against such action, as being revolutionary in its tendency, and calculated to undermine and finally to destroy the efficiency of Grand Encampments.

Resolved, That the aforegoing be sent to the Grand Lodge of the United States, with the request that it be spread upon the Journal of that body.

Resolved, That our Grand Representatives are hereby instructed to use all proper efforts to defeat the passage of any law which shall contemplate any such alteration in the work of Grand Encampments.

Truly and fraternally,

JOHN M. JONES, *Grand Scribe.*

The following communication was presented, viz:

To R. K. Russell, Esq., District Deputy Grand Patriarch.

SIR AND PATRIARCH:

At a regular meeting of Youngsville Encampment, No. 201, I. O. O. F., the following preamble and resolution was adopted, with the request that you approve and forward the same to the Grand Encampment for their approval:

WHEREAS, Youngsville Encampment, No. 201, I. O. O. F., are not in a situation to hold their regular stated meetings, on account of a safe and convenient hall for its meetings; and whereas, there is no room within the limits of Youngsville that is either suitable or safe for such meetings; and whereas Youngsville Lodge, No. 500, I. O. O. F., are about to construct a new hall for their safety and convenience, which, when finished, is intended in part for Youngsville Encampment, No. 201, I. O. O. F.;

Therefore, *Resolved*, that permission be asked of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, to suspend our regular stated meetings for one year.

The above is a true copy of the original preamble and resolution.

Witness my hand and seal of Youngsville Encampment, No. 201, I. O. O. F., this 2d day of September, A. D., 1875.

G. W. BROWN, *Scribe.*

(Semi-Annual Communication, November 15th, 1875.)

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

SIRS AND PATRIARCHS:

I am well acquainted with the place of meeting of Youngsville Encampment, No. 201, and fully concur in the statement contained in the preamble herein set forth.

I herewith refer the request contained in the resolution to your consideration, and if agreeable to the laws of the Grand Encampment, do recommend that the request be granted and the preamble and resolution be approved.

Very respectfully yours,
R. K. RUSSELL, *D. D. G. P. for Warren Co.*

Past Grand Patriarch Muckle moved that permission be granted.

Past Chief Patriarch Gwinner moved that the subject matter be referred to the Grand Officers with power to act.

The motion to refer was adopted.

The Grand Encampment proceeded to nominate Officers to serve for the ensuing official year, with the following result:

For Most Worthy Grand Patriarch,

M. E. G. H. P. GEORGE BERTRAM, of Encampment No. 36.

For Most Excellent Grand High Priest,

R. W. G. S. W. EDWARD JONES, of Encampment No. 101.

For Right Worthy Grand Senior Warden,

R. W. G. J. W. ALAN C. LUKENS, of Encampment No. 17.

For Right Worthy Grand Scribe,

P. G. Sire JAMES B. NICHOLSON, of Encampment No. 51.

For Right Worthy Grand Treasurer,

P. G. P. JOHN S. HEISS, of Encampment No. 26.

For Right Worthy Grand Junior Warden,

P. C. P. WILLIAM A. RUDDACH, of Encampment No. 37,
P. C. P. JOHN J. KELCHNER, of Encampment No. 96,
P. C. P. ALEXANDER KENNEDY, of Encampment No. 127.

For Right Worthy Grand Representative.

P. G. R. CHARLES N. HICKOK, of Encampment No. 114,
P. C. P. SAMUEL F. GWINNER, of Encampment No. 16,
P. C. P. ALFRED SLACK, of Encampment No. 101.

On motion the Grand Encampment proceeded to nominate and elect a Trustee to the Odd Fellows' Hall Association of Philadelphia.

Past Chief Patriarchs James P. Robbins and George F. Weaver, Jr., were appointed tellers.

Past Grand Patriarch Jarvis W. Tyndall was nominated. There being no other nominees, the Grand Junior Warden was authorized to cast the vote of the Grand Encampment.

Past Grand Patriarch Jarvis W. Tyndall having received all the votes cast was declared to be unanimously elected Trustee to the Hall Association.

The following Past Chief Patriarchs whose certificates had been received and duly acknowledged, being in waiting, they were introduced by the Grand Junior Warden and admitted to membership in the Grand Encampment according to the usages of the Order :

Morning Star Encampment,	No. 3,	H. F. Dearden.
Unity,	12,	Allen J. Helfrich.
Mount Zion,	24,	George F. Myers.
Fredonia,	36,	John W. Woodward.
Apollo,	38,	George P. Abbey.
National,	47,	Elmer Reeve.
Logan,	83,	John McFeeters.
Logan,	83,	Charles Foreman.
Centre Square,	84,	John A. Gerhart.
Centre Square,	84,	William H. Layman.
General Marion,	91,	Lewis Farra.
General Marion,	91,	Richard Fimple.
Coaquanock,	105,	H. W. Hartley.
Frankford,	131,	Jonathan Haertler.
Frankford,	131,	Samuel P. Swope.
Fraternity,	156,	Jacob P. Griffith.

The Grand Patriarch invited the Deputy Grand Sire, Brother John W. Stokes, and Grand Representative Charles N. Hickok to instruct in the Encampment Work, to which they acceded, and instructed accordingly.

Upon the completion of the instructions Past Chief Patriarch Borie moved that the thanks of the Grand Encampment be tendered to Deputy Grand Sire Stokes and Grand Representative Hickok for the able manner in which the instructions had been imparted.

The motion was adopted.

The minutes of the Session were read and approved.

On motion the Grand Encampment, at 5.50 P. M., decided to adjourn.

The Right Worthy Grand Junior Warden, by direction of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, declared the Semi-Annual Session of the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, for the year 1875, to be closed.

Attest:

James B. Nicholson

Grand Scribe.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT I.O.O.F. OF PENNA. 1829

The following was received after the adjournment:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., *November* 16.

TO JAS. B. NICHOLSON,

Grand Secretary Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F.

Six thousand Patriarchs, through their legal Representatives in Grand Encampment assembled, send greeting to the Patriarchs of the Jurisdiction of Pennsylvania.

B. F. FOSTER,

Grand Scribe.

Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

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OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT

Philadelphia, May, 1876.

PHILADELPHIA, May 15th, 1876.

THE Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania met in Annual Communication at the Hall, North Sixth Street, this morning at 9 o'clock. Present:

SULLIVAN S. CHILD, . .	M. W. Grand Patriarch.
GEORGE BERTRAM, . .	M. E. Grand High Priest.
EDWARD JONES, ...	R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON, .	R. W. Grand Scribe.
JOHN S. HEISS, . . .	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
ALAN C. LUKENS, . .	R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
CHARLES N. HICKOK, .	R. W. Grand Representative.
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, .	R. W. Grand Representative.
ANDREW SCHLAYER, . .	W. Grand Marshal,
WM. A. RUDDACH, . .	W. Grand Inside Sentinel.
GEORGE C. HOSTER, . .	W. Grand Outside Sentinel.

And a quorum of Past Chief Patriarchs.

The Grand Encampment was opened with the usual solemn ceremonies.

The Committee on Credentials presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, May 15th, 1876.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pa., I. O. O. F.

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they have examined the Certificates of the Past Chief Patriarchs, whose names are hereunto appended, and finding the Certificates to be in regular form, and duly authenticated, recommend that the Past Chief Patriarchs be acknowledged.

Fraternally yours,

GEORGE F. WEAVER, JR.,
L. F. BAILEY, } *Committee.*

Philadelphia Encampment,	No. 1,	George Remshard.
Pittsburgh,	2,	Thos. P. Hillman.
Morning Star,	3,	John Cocker, Jr.
Franklin,	4,	Henry Schoelple.
Lafayette,	5,	Geo. Wagner.
Lafayette,	5,	James R. Agin.
Hebron,	8,	Henry Schuck.
Hebron,	8,	Wm. H. Runyeon.
Andrew Jackson,	9,	James Winterbottom.
Andrew Jackson,	9,	Joseph S. Beaumont.
Dauphin,	10,	Wm. H. Amey.
Dauphin,	10,	John R. Stewart.
Washington,	11,	Henry T. Yackley.
Unity,	12,	Benj. A. Siegfried.
Olive Branch,	13,	Samuel Monath.
Mount Vernon,	14,	Charles Horn.
Lackawanna,	16,	Casper E. Richards.
Lackawanna,	16,	Henry J. Baer.
Lackawanna,	16,	John O. Miles.

Siloam Encampment,	No.	17,	W. C. F. Reichenbach.
Mount Horeb, . .		18,	Andrew J. Bunner.
Juniata, . .		19,	David P. Minichan.
Harris, . .		22,	Chas. J. Richardson.
Shawnee, . .		23,	Wesley Davis.
Shawnee, . .		23,	E. A. Becker.
Mount Zion, . .		24,	John Y. Ball.
Wildey, . .		29,	David D. Smith.
Lackawaxen, . .		30,	Samuel Saunders, Jr.
Howard, . .		33,	Ed. L. Ritter.
Valley, . .		34,	John A. Fleming.
Fredonia, . .		36,	John S. Keim.
Norristown, . .		37,	Joseph L. Kindy.
Norristown, . .		37,	Isaac C. Yost.
Apollo, . .		38,	James Laverty.
Outalissa, . .		39,	Henry L. Moore.
Heneosis Adelphon, .		42,	Henry Frank.
Heneosis Adelphon, .		42,	Wm. Conrader.
Ashland, . .		45,	Richard H. Lodge.
National, . .		47,	M. S. Olley.
Mount Carmel, . .		49,	Uriah Clear.
Palestine, . .		51,	Ed. A. Selden.
Paradise, . .		53,	John Ingersoll.
Jordan, . .		55,	John M. Earnest.
Olive, . .		56,	Sam'l M. Ebersol.
Manitou, . .		62,	Jacob Margerum.
Harmony, . .		65,	Richard Palmer.
Roxborough, . .		66,	John H. B. Miller.
Mount Libanus, . .		68,	J. J. Embich.
Apalachian, . .		69,	S. Flischer.
Apalachian, . .		69,	Wm. L. Garret.
Widows' Friend, . .		71,	J. F. Reinenger.
Widows' Friend, . .		71,	A. N. Russell.
Bellefonte, . .		72,	George F. Harris.
Bellefonte, . .		72,	H. B. Pontius.
Wellsboro', . .		78,	Hiram W. Dartt.

Scrantonia Encampment,	No. 81,	A. L. Horn.
Olympus, . .	82,	John D. McCoy.
Olympus, . .	82,	Henry McCoy.
Centre Square, . .	84,	Henry Slutter.
Centre Square, . .	84,	Wm. H. Layman.
Excelsior, . .	85,	Chas. Freigh.
Lawrence, . .	86,	Jos. Urmson.
Lawrence, . .	86,	John H. Hartsuff.
Lawrence, . .	86,	Joseph Y. Mosley.
Chosen Friends, . .	88,	Wm. Brown.
Big Spring, . .	92,	Wm. W. Henry.
Big Spring, . .	92,	R. S. Randall.
Big Spring, . .	92,	J. W. Wheeler.
Big Spring, . .	92,	S. A. Mowers.
Flourtown, . .	94,	Geo. C. Smith.
Flourtown, . .	94,	Edwin S. Stahlnecker.
Gahonta, . .	96,	P. McArdle.
Kossuth, . .	98,	R. P. King.
Allegheny, . .	101,	Frank E. Jones.
William Pitt, . .	104,	Wm. McCanna.
William Pitt, . .	105,	Charles Reese.
Coaquanock, . .	105,	Wm. S. Warren.
Monongahela, . .	109,	Isaiah Phillips.
Pennsylvania, . .	111,	Henry Hough.
Somerset, . .	113,	Jacob J. Zorn.
Montgomery, . .	115,	Geo. T. Keech.
Harrison Graham, .	116,	T. F. Harn.
Waynesburg, . .	119,	Thos. Hoskinson.
Union, . .	126,	J. A. Kitzmiller.
Wm. F. Packer, . .	127,	Robert Parsons.
Altoona, . .	129,	H. W. Stauffer.
Aurora, . .	130,	Philip Meyer.
Frankford, . .	131,	Thomas D. Thomas.
Shekinah, . .	134,	Peter K. Brosius.
West Branch, . .	136,	Daniel Herr.
Valley Union, . .	138,	Emil E. Rinn.

Fort Augusta Encamp't,	No. 140,	Jacob Renn.
Lincoln, . .	142,	John F. Peters.
Uncas, . .	144,	John Smith.
Vulcan, . .	145,	Philip Rineman.
Myerstown, . .	149,	Wm. H. Christman.
Evergreen, . .	151,	Henry Noss.
Enterprise, . .	153,	Wm. Wallace.
Robert Blum, . .	155,	Fred. N. Stucky.
Robert Blum, . .	155,	Carl Ruhe.
Fraternity, . .	156,	David T. Williams.
Eagle, . .	158,	Henry Beard.
Wayne, . .	159,	Geo. W. Simons.
Wm. Curtis, . .	164,	V. Bolig.
Tremont Union, . .	167,	Charles M. Wolff.
Arcturus, . .	168,	W. H. Healy.
Marble Hall, . .	169,	Wm. Carn.
Fountain, . .	170,	Simon Andesner.
Clay, . .	172,	John F. Schoener.
Moshannon, . .	173,	David H. Parker.
Parkinson Ferry, .	175,	H. C. Underwood.
Colfax, . .	176,	Thomas Mason.
Oil City, . .	182,	James S. Shearer.
Carlisle, . .	183,	H. W. Swigert.
Canton, . .	184,	Henry Tripp.
Falls of Schuylkill, .	185,	Charles Carson.
Shenango, . .	186,	James T. Baker.
Zion, . .	191,	George Fetter.
Zion, . .	191,	John W. Barnett.
Butler, . .	193,	Jacob M. Lindner.
Manchester, . .	194,	George W. Grieg.
Freeport, . .	195,	Christ. Mordorf.
Freeport, . .	195,	George Simmons.
Freeport, . .	195,	Samuel J. Anthony.
Irwin, . .	196,	James Thompson.
Liberty, . .	198,	Henry R. Amend.
Guardian, . .	199,	Henry Kline.

Guardian Encampment,	No. 199,	Theodore Oakes.
Tunkhannock,	204,	Wm. Brooks.
Olivia,	206,	D. S. Elliott.
Oneida,	207,	Jared Green.
Bloom,	208,	David Winner.
Conshohocken,	209,	H. G. Kinsie.
Ebensburg,	210,	Daniel O. Evans.
West Elizabeth,	212,	Richard Owens.
West Elizabeth,	212,	Isaac Keenan.
Home,	213,	Wm. T. Magee.
Star of America,	214,	Hiram Shiffer.
Lone Star,	215,	E. W. Altman.
Lone Star,	215,	E. B. Davis.
Stone Church,	216,	Lorenzo Pearson.
Seitzinger,	220,	D. W. Lewis.
Hulmeville,	223,	John R. Magill.
Centreville,	224,	Simeon Deems.
Petrolia,	226,	John O'Neill.
Clearfield,	232,	Thomas M. Robinson.
Drifton,	233,	David W. James.
Saxonia,	237,	Wm. J. Welsh.
McMaster,	239,	John Glunt.
McMaster,	239,	C. R. Church.
West Freedom,	240,	Geo. W. Harshaw.
Maple Grove,	243,	John B. Thompson.
Maple Grove,	243,	John Wilkinson.
Maple Grove,	243,	George T. Treasure.
Echo,	244,	F. M. King.
Mountain Home,	247,	Elisha Dunbar.

On motion of Past Chief Patriarch Pinkerton, of No. 167, the report was ordered to appear on the Journal and the Representatives were acknowledged.

The Committee on Election Returns presented the following report of the Encampments from whom no returns had been received, viz:

(Annual Communication, May 15th, 1876.)

PHILADELPHIA, *May* 15, 1876.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

The Committee appointed to open and examine the election returns from the Subordinate Encampments respectfully report that no returns have been received from the following Encampments, viz:

Numbers 19, 20, 30, 53, 54, 60, 62, 63, 77, 80, 90, 95, 104, 106, 108, 123, 125, 128, 134, 141, 152, 153, 155, 158, 159, 162, 164, 171, 173, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 186, 188, 191, 192, 195, 197, 201, 205, 214, 215, 218, 219, 224, 225, 227, 230, 232, 235, 236, 240, 244, 245, 248, 249, 250.

FRANCIS M. REA, *Judge.*
JOHN CURTIS, } *Inspectors.*
N. J. HART, }
LEONARD F. BAILEY, } *Clerks*
H. J. BEITEL, }

The Committee retired to sum up finally the votes cast for Grand Officers, including the returns that had just been handed in.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch presented the following report:

HARRISBURG, PENN., *May* 15, 1876.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.

SIRS AND PATRIARCHS:

With this report I will close my official career as your presiding officer which you so kindly clothed me with one year ago. If I have performed the duties it is for you to judge, I assure you I have done all I was able to do. I know I should have made more official visits than I have, but the position I held as an officer of our State Legislature, prevented me from so doing, but my venerable friend, our Worthy Grand High Priest, George Bertram, very kindly acted for me; he will report to you what he has done.

I find many Encampments on the verge of dissolution, they not being able to get a quorum to hold their meetings, and their finances completely gone. In my opinion it would be better for our Order and for them to take the charters from them.

We have been too hasty in many places in granting charters where they should not have been granted. I feel satisfied my successor will look after this matter more minutely than I have. To be sure the financial condition of our country is the main cause of the condition of many of the Encampments, and this cause it is impossible for any of us to remove at once; therefore, we must live in the hope that the day is not far distant when our country will be in as good a financial condition as it has been in the past, and then our Order will advance as fast as it did until checked by our financial troubles.

The following are the decisions I have made, and questions answered since our last meeting:

1st. November 30, 1875. I granted permission to Dexter Encampment, No. 163, to change their nights of meeting, from the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, to the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

2d. December 18, 1875. District Deputy Grand Patriarch, J. Suiesfort, of Montour County, informed me that Mnemoloton Encampmen', No. 40, had suspended part of their by-laws which required twelve cents per week to be paid in for weekly dues, for three months.

I informed him they could not suspend a by-law, but they could amend the same as per Article III, Section 1, Constitution of Subordinate Encampments.

3d. December 18, 1875. John M. Toland, Chief Patriarch of Perry Encampment, No. 100, asked the question how the Encampment could recover the money illegally paid the Scribe for benefits, and if charges could be preferred against him.

I informed him to request the Scribe to return the amount, and if he refused, they should then deduct it from the amount the Encampment owed him for services. But that no charges could be brought, as the Encampment did wrong in granting him benefits.

4th. December 18. I refused Home Encampment, No. 213, permission to meet once a month, instead of twice a month.

5th. December 27. I granted Mount Penn Encampment, No. 152, permission to remove from their hall, No. 819½ Penn Street, Reading, to hall southwest corner of Fourth and Penn Streets, Reading, known as Old Masonic Hall.

6th. February 9, 1876. I granted permission to Warrior Encampment, No. 250, to turn out in regalia on Sunday, February 20, to attend church.

7th. February 9, 1876. I granted permission to Evergreen Encampment, No. 151, through District Depu y Grand Patriarch, G. N. Taylor, of Beaver County, to hold their meetings in some other suitable hall, until their hall was repaired, as it was partially destroyed by fire.

8th. February 9, 1876. I granted authority to the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of the State of Delaware to allow Brother Harry Lenderman, residing in our jurisdiction to connect himself with an Encampment in their jurisdiction, his residence being nearer an Encampment in their jurisdiction.

9th. February 26, 1876. I granted permission to Corry Encampment, No. 241, to remove to new hall they had fitted up, provided District Deputy Grand Patriarch William Tidman, of Erie County, was satisfied it was a suitable place.

10th. February 26, 1876. I received a letter from H. C. Underwood, of Monongahela City, Washington County, asking if they could advance the Chief Patriarch to the High Priest's chair, as the retiring Chief Patriarch was not eligible owing to his being in arrears for dues, and the Past Chief Patriarchs refused to serve as High Priest; also if a Past Chief Patriarch could be admitted to the Grand Encampment.

I wrote to District Deputy Grand Patriarch, E. H. Griffith, of Washington County, and directed him to inform H. C. Underwood that it would not be policy to advance the Chief Patriarch and other Officers, that they should get one of the Past Chief Patriarchs to act as High Priest, or else let the Chief Patriarch act as High Priest for the evening or occasion. I also informed him that a Past Chief Patriarch would be admitted into the Grand Encampment.

11th. March 18, 1876. I granted permission to Colfax Encampment, No. 176, to reduce their weekly benefits to one dollar per week.

These, I believe, are all the questions that were submitted to me, and I hope my decisions or instructions may prove satisfactory to you.

I appointed Francis M. Rea, Judge, John Curtis and N. J. Hart, Inspectors, and Leonard F. Bailey and J. H. Beitel, Clerks, to count the votes cast for Grand Encampment Officers.

A dispensation was granted to institute Morse Encampment, No. 251, at Rural Village, Armstrong Co., for which your approval is asked in order that a charter may be granted.

Patriarchs, before parting with you as your presiding officer, I would most respectfully call your attention to the fact that we, as a people, are now celebrating the Centennial of American Independence, and our Order has resolved to take part in it, in a public way on the 20th of September. I would urge on our branch of the Order to use their best endeavors to make their display at that time the grandest in the history of our Order. I would again urge all Patriarchs that are able to procure the uniform adopted by the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, thus adding beauty to our strength.

I wish here to return my thanks to the Grand Officers for their kind assistance whenever called upon by me, and should I ever be able to assist them in any way for the advancement or prosperity of our beloved Order, I assure you I am at their service.

Wishing you all a long and pleasant life, and when that time shall come, may we all meet in that Grand Encampment above where no more parting shall take place.

Fraternally Yours,
SULLIVAN S. CHILD, *Grand Patriarch.*

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest presented the following report, viz:

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.

Agreeably to the request of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, I have visited officially a number of Encampments in the city and surrounding Districts, and have found many of them in a prosperous condition, and an apparent increase of common interest in this branch of the Order.

The Grand Lodge of the United States having approved a uniform for this branch of the Order, and as it is known that large numbers from this

and other jurisdictions will visit this city next September fully equipped, it was deemed advisable that a Battalion should be formed in this city to represent this branch on the grand demonstration; the consequence was that two companies have been organized by members of different Encampments, who have been drilling under officers of their selection for several months, and a number are fully equipped. The long continued depression in all industries, especially in large cities, has prevented many who would gladly have been active, from uniting or taking part with them, as aside from the cost of equipage there have been many contingent expenses, which have heretofore been borne by the men themselves, and as many of these must be continued, and as in all probability equipped men will prominently represent the Patriarchal branch, it seems but proper that the Encampments in this city particularly, should contribute toward the common expense. A small contribution from each to the *Battalion Fund* would in the end benefit all, by directing the attention of the Order to this higher branch, and result here as elsewhere, in increasing the membership of Lodges as well as Encampments. Permit me therefore to present the claims of the Battalion to the members of this Grand Body, and to express the hope that each will bring the subject before his respective Encampment at an early day, and give it such support as he may feel it deserves.

Learning from some of the members of Hulmeville Encampment, No. 223, that there was not that interest in its success which was anticipated, and that there was material enough to form a good Encampment if the members of the Lodge could be induced to take greater interest in it, accompanied by D. G. Sire John W. Stokes and Past Grand Sire Nicholson, I visited Hulmeville November 2d last, and I am happy to know that the appeal made by these distinguished brethren has been followed by very happy results, and a number of new members have been added to the roll.

I have been in correspondence with the Scribe of Trinick Encampment, No. 197, at Hellertown, Northampton Co., and with the District Deputy Grand Patriarch during the whole summer, endeavoring to prevent a surrender of its warrant under a belief that such a course was not necessary, but without changing the apparent determination to abandon it. In hope of changing this purpose the Grand Scribe volunteered to accompany me on a visit, the time being agreed on, and the brethren notified; but when the time arrived I was too much indisposed to accompany him, and he went alone, but returned by no means hopeful. The result, however, was different, for in a short time thereafter very encouraging letters were received, and on January 18th, accompanied by the Grand Scribe, and Grand Representative Hickok, No. 197 was resuscitated, under very flattering circumstances, with an influx of excellent material.

On March 8th, I visited Flourtown Encampment, No. 94, at Flourtown, Montgomery county, accompanied by Past Grand Sire Nicholson, Deputy Grand Sire Stokes and Deputy Grand Master Borie. We were met by a fair number of members, and I have reason to believe that good will follow the visit.

(Annual Communication, May 15th, 1876.)

On March 23d, assisted by the Grand Officers, and Deputy Grand Sire Stokes, and others, I reorganized Jerusalem Encampment, No. 58, at the hall, Third and Brown Streets, on the application of an unusually large number of petitioners, and have very little doubt that in a brief period this will become a model Encampment.

On May 30th, accompanied by Deputy Grand Sire Stokes, Grand Treasurer Heiss, District Deputy Grand Patriarch Marchand, of Westmoreland county, and several members of Greensburg Encampment, I visited Salem Encampment, No. 162, at Delmont. This Encampment for some time past has been kept in existence solely through the exertions of that very efficient officer, Brother Marchand. We found, however, upon investigation, that to continue the Encampment as we found it, to make it successful would be impossible, we therefore recommended that an effort be made to secure all the members who were willing to labor for its upbuilding, and such members of the Lodge as would pledge themselves to become members. A petition for revival has been received, signed by twenty, more than one-half being members of the Royal Purple Degree, and the warrant will be restored to them.

On Monday, May 1st, accompanied by Grand Treasurer Heiss I proceeded to Marchand, Indiana county, and took possession of such property of Mahoning Encampment, No 179, as I could find, as it had ceased to meet for several terms. From thence we proceeded to Cherry Tree, and received the Charter, Books, &c., of Canoe Place Encampment, No. 178, which had also ceased to work for about the same period. Returning to Indiana, at which place the Encampment had surrendered its Charter some time since, I had interviews with several of the late members, as well as with members of the Lodge who are anxions to join the Patriarchal Order, and I scarcely entertain a doubt that the Encampment will soon be revived at that place. A careful observation has led me to the conclusion that but two causes can correctly account for the failure, or want of success in any Encampment: first, organizing them in places where there is but one Lodge from which the members can come, and next, the great mistake in charging high initiation fees. I believe it would be safe always to charge the lowest sum the Constitution permits, if higher than that, the membership will be limited; a higher sum if well invested will yield but a few cents annually—it is the weekly dues which supply the treasury, and a low admission fee is the most likely plan to secure the dues. The mission of the Order is to make men better men, therefore every inducement should be extended to lead them to understand the means by which the work is accomplished by meeting together for mutual counsel. Our Order was not designed to be exclusive, its doors are open for the worthy. Let proper thought be given to charge sufficient weekly dues to secure to all, for all time, the benefits which are promised. Until a very recent period little thought has been bestowed on the important question of finance. Rapid progress is making to a solution of this vital question, and when it is settled upon a safe basis, combined with the grand lessons of our ritual, Odd Fellowship will endure while our liberties as a people last.

Grand Treasurer Heiss moved that the reports of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch and of the Most Excellent Grand High Priest be referred to a Special Committee of three.

The motion was adopted.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch appointed as the Committee under the foregoing resolution, Past Grand Representative John W. Stokes, Past Chief Patriarch John H. Uhl, Past Chief Patriarch Thomas Simpson.

The Grand Scribe presented the following report, viz:

PHILADELPHIA, *May 15th*, 1876.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.

The undersigned, in obedience to the law defining his duties, begs leave to present the following report:

There has been received during the past year, viz: from May 8th, 1875, to May 8th, 1876, the following amounts of money from the various sources of revenue, which was duly paid into the hands of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer:

Per capita tax	$2317 66
Cards	62 20
Books	70 00
Odes	2 00
Charters	60 00
Dispensations	46 00
Interest	313 00
Cards to members of defunct Encampments	2 00
	$2872 86

SYNOPSIS OF STATISTICAL REPORT.

Number of Patriarchs at last Annual Report		15,674
Admissions during the year		803
Reinstatements		50
Admitted by card		154
		16,681
Suspensions	1,119	
Withdrawn by card	110	
Deceased	158	
Expelled	18	
		1,405
Present number of Patriarchs		15,276

Net decrease of Patriarchs	398
Rejections	7
Number of Encampments	226
Number of Past Chief Patriarchs	3,496

Canoe Place Encampment, No. 178, and Mahoning Encampment, No. 179, have surrendered their charters. Two Encampments have been instituted during the year, making the number of Encampments the same as at the last Annual Communication.

SYNOPSIS OF RELIEF REPORT.

Number of Patriarchs Relieved	2,101	
Number of Widowed Families Relieved	40	
Number of Patriarchs Buried	158	
Paid for the Relief of Patriarchs		$52,256 13
Paid for the Relief of Widowed Families		840 06
Paid for the Relief of Orphans		64 00
Paid for Burying of the Dead		9,427 50
Total Amount Paid for Relief		$62,587 69
Increased Amount of Relief over the preceding year		$6,818 34
Amount of Annual Receipts		105,657 16
Decrease of Annual Receipts from previous year		1,370 92
Assets of the Subordinate Encampments		280,145 92
Increase of the Assets during the year		11,923 53

The largely increased amount of Relief shows that while on the one hand an immense amount of good has been done in mitigating some of the ills of life, for which we should be grateful for the means, the diminished receipts show how severe the strain upon the Order has been, and both effects are largely caused by the stringency of the time, and the want of means to acquire a comfortable livelihood by working men. The lesson which the experience of the past teaches is, that, as a rule, the instinct of self preservation should prompt to one of two things, either to increase the dues, or to reduce the benefits, in some cases it would be wisdom on the part of the Encampments to do both. A low rate of dues is deceptive, it is like leaning upon a broken staff that fails in the hour of need, and even self interest, when enlightened and far-seeing, prompts to a rate of dues and benefits that will be permanent, affording the promised relief and carrying with it the certainty of the ability to give aid when it is required at any day, no matter how distant it may be. Singular as it may seem, in many cases the difference of a couple of cents in the weekly dues is the only difference between the ability to give the relief promised and sending a Patriarch empty away—between prosperity and insolvency.

A decision recently made in one of the civil Courts in this city, to the effect that a Lodge was a copartnership, in which every member was liable for the fulfilment of any contract made, caused some little stir. Under that ruling, a majority of the members might persistently refuse to fix the dues

at a rate that would enable the organization to pay the benefits promised in the By-Laws, and yet if one or more of the majority be taken sick, one or more of the minority, who had been struggling by voice and vote to place the organization on a solvent basis, would be held responsible, and his or their property would be seized in execution for the payment of the claim. Or a member might claim benefits which the organization would disallow, despite the protestations of two or three members, yet the protestants might be sued and their property sold to pay the claim. Such are the curiosities of law. Men of property were becoming uneasy under this view of the case. Their withdrawal from the Order might, in some cases, have followed, and the result would have been that the dues would have to be largely increased in order to pay benefits, for it is a fact that if every member legally entitled to benefits would apply when sick and claim his rights, the treasury would soon be depleted.

The aid of the Legislature was invoked by the Order first affected by the decision in question, and its legal effects were destroyed in the future. The moral question remains behind, whether we, as members of our Encampments are not in person and in honor bound to contribute our individual share toward the fulfilment of the contract made by the Encampment, and to vote such rates of dues and benefits that will be just to the member and to the Encampment, that will create a reserve fund of a sufficient amount to justify the assurance of the solvency of the Encampment, not for a day or a year, but for generations. No scientist, nor Grand Encampment, nor Grand Lodge fixes the rate of dues and benefits, the members of the Encampments fix the proportion and vote what they will pay into the Encampment, and what the Encampment must pay them when sick; hence there is a necessity of continual reference to the experience of the Order, and of persuasive appeals to the true interests of the members to contribute in exact accordance with their just expectations. These lessons cannot be learned in an hour, and changes in the membership are constantly going on. All that we can do is to call attention to the subject and invite the co-operation of all who desire the stability of our system of mutual helpfulness, and mutual relief.

The table of ratio of sickness will show an increase over the preceding year, and no doubt in a large measure from causes that have already been adverted to. The number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid were 12,185, being at the ratio of 79 86-100 weeks' sickness for every 100 members.

We fondly hope that one of the effects of the public demonstrations of the Order during the Centennial year will be to attract the attention of the members to the beautiful teachings of the Encampment degrees, so that the Golden Rule may assert its power over many more minds, and hasten the coming of the promised day of peace and good will.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, *Grand Scribe.*

Past Chief Patriarch Pinkerton, of No. 167, moved that the report be referred to the same Committee as that to whom the reports of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch and the Most Excellent Grand High Priest had been referred.

The motion was adopted.

The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer presented the following report:

PHILADELPHIA, May 12th, 1876.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Pennsylvania.

Your Treasurer respectfully presents the following Report for the fiscal year ending May 10th, 1876:

To cash on hand as per last report	$2,799 27
To cash received during the year	2,872 86
Making a total of	$5,672 13
By cash paid as per vouchers	4,738 35
Leaving a balance on hand of	$933 78

Yours fraternally

JOHN S. HEISS,
Grand Treasurer.

Past Chief Patriarch Pinkerton moved that the report be entered upon the Journal, which was agreed to.

The Committee on Finance presented the following report, viz:

PHILADELPHIA, May 12th, 1876.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Pennsylvania.

SIR AND PATRIARCHS:

The Finance Committee would most respectfully report that they have examined the books of the Right Worthy Grand Scribe and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, and find them correct in every particular, and submit the following statement of the financial affairs of the Grand Encampment for the past fiscal year:

Cash balance in Treasurer's hands last report.....$2,799 27

RECEIVED DURING THE YEAR.

For per capita tax	$2,317 66
" cards	62 20
" books	70 00
" charters	60 00
" dispensations	46 00

For interest	$313 00	
" odes	2 00	
" cards, (defunct Encampments)	2 00	
		2,872 86
Total amount in Treasurer's hands during the year		5,672 13

EXPENDITURES DURING THE YEAR.

Tax to the Grand Lodge United States	$150 00	
Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the U. S.	50 00	
Supplies	118 00	
Paper, printing and binding	519 79	
Rents	50 00	
Postage and freight	274 80	
Grand Patriarch's visitations	337 66	
D. D. Grand Patriarch's visitations and expenses	11 02	
Salary of Grand Scribe	500 00	
Salary of Grand Outside Sentinel	150 00	
Office expenses	28 33	
Testimonial to the retiring Grand Patrlarch	150 00	
Collecting charters	5 75	
Special appropriation, expenses session at Williamsport	18 00	
" " investment of 20 shares Penn. R. R. stock	1010 00	
Special appropriation, Appeal Committee	25 00	
" " Finance Committee	10 00	
" " Attendance of officers at Annual Session	280 00	
Special appropriation, Centennial Celebration	1000 00	
" " Committee of Superintendence	50 00	
Balance in Treasurer's hand this date	933 78	
		$5,672 13

ASSETS.

Stock in Odd Fellows' Hall	$1,050 00	
Allegheny City Bonds	1,500 00	
Reading R. R. 7 per cent. Bond	1,000 00	
20 shares Penn. R. R. Stock	1,000 00	
Supplies on hand	49 20	
Balance in Treasurer's hands this date	933 78	
		$5,532 98
Amount of Assets May, 1875		6,414 67
Decrease of assets this term		$881 69

Your Committee report the following appropriations upon which there are unexpended balances:

(Annual Communication, May 15th, 1876.)

	Appropriations.	*Expended.*	*Balance.*
Supplies	$300 00	$118 00	$182 00
Paper, printing and binding	800 00	519 79	280 21
Postage and freight	300 00	274 80	25 20
Grand Patriarch's visitations	500 00	337 66	162 34
District Deputy Grand Patriarchs	100 00	11 02	88 98
Office expenses	100 00	28 33	71 67
Collecting charters	50 00	5 75	44 25
Expenses of Session at Williamsport	50 00	18 00	32 00
	$2,200 00	$1313 35	$886 65

Your Committee respectfully recommend the following appropriations be made for the business of the coming year:

Representative tax Grand Lodge of the United States	$150 00
Grand Representatives to Grand Lodge of the United States	50 00
Supplies	200 00
Paper, printing and binding	700 00
Postage and freight	300 00
Rent	50 00
Visiting Encampments	500 00
District Deputy Grand Patriarchs' postage and expenses	100 00
Salary of Grand Scribe	500 00
Salary of Grand Outside Sentinel	150 00
Office expenses	100 00
Testimonial to retiring Grand Patriarch	150 00
Collecting charters of defunct Encampments	50 00
Appeal Committee	25 00
Committee of Superintendence	50 00

Your Committee are of the opinion that a per capita tax of eight cents per term will yield a sufficient revenue for the expenses of the Grand Encampment for the ensuing year, and therefore offer the following:

Resolved, That the per capita tax for the present year be fixed at eight cents per term on each member on the roll.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES P. ROBBINS,
ELWOOD ROWAND,
J. HENRY BEITEL,
} *Committee.*

Past Chief Patriarch Evans, of No. 6, moved that the report be adopted.

Past Chief Patriarch Uhl, of No. 113, moved that the report be received and the recommendations be considered *seriatim*, which was adopted, and the original motion, as amended, was adopted.

The following appropriations were considered separately and ordered to be made, viz :

Representative Tax,	$150 00
Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States,	50 00
Books, Cards, and Odes,	200 00
Paper, Printing, and Binding,	700 00
Postage and Freight,	300 00
Rent,	50 00
Visiting Encampments,	500 00
District Deputy Grand Patriarchs' Postage, &c.,	100 00
Salary of the Grand Scribe,	500 00
Salary of the Grand Outside Sentinel,	150 00
Office Expenses, and Incidentals,	100 00
Testimonial to the retiring Grand Patriarch,	150 00
Collecting Charters of defunct Encampments,	50 00
Appeal Committee,	25 00
Committee of Superintendence,	50 00

The resolution submitted by the Committee, fixing the per capita tax at eight cents per term was considered and adopted.

On motion the report of the Committee was adopted as a whole.

Past Grand Patriarch Pfaff moved that an appropriation of $25.00 be made to the Committee on Finance.

The motion was adopted.

The Committee on Printing presented the following report, viz :

PHILADELPHIA, *May* 11, 1876.

To the Right Warthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.

SIRS AND PATRIARCHS:

The Committee on Printing respectfully report, that they met in the office of the Right Worthy Grand Scribe, on the evening of June 3d, 1875, and organized by the election of Past Chief Patriarch Charles K. Neisser, as Chairman, and Past Grand Patriarch James McGahey as Secretary.

(Annual Communication, May 15th, 1876)

The Grand Scribe presented to the Committee the proposal of Messrs. Burk & Caldwell, for the printing, binding, &c., for the Grand Encampment it being the only one received in answer to the advertisement, and it was opened in the presence of the Grand Scribe, and the contract awarded to them.

The following is a summary of the bills approved:

Appropriation for the year		$800 00
For Printing	$483 95	
" Advertising	4 50	
" Books, Stationery, &c	31 34	
		$519 79
Leaving an unexpended balance of		$280 21

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES K. NEISSER,
R. COHILL,
JAMES McGAHEY,
Committee on Printing.

The Committee of Superintendence presented the following report, viz:

PHILADELPHIA, *April 22d*, 1876.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment, I. O O. F., of Penn.

SIRS AND PATRIARCHS:

Your Committee of Superintendence, at the conclusion of their labours of the year for which they were appointed, would respectfully present this as their report.

In the discharge of their official duties they have visited all the Encampments, (thirty-three in number,) and take pleasure in stating that we found them all in good working order, and in strict conformity to the work as set forth in the Charge Books.

In these visitations your Committee thought it proper, that, in order that all Encampments should be instructed alike in the work, to exemplify the unwritten work, and invite such questions from the Patriarchs as might be deemed proper to more fully explain the work.

In all Encampments your Committee have been received with respect, the instructions attentively listened to, and we hope that much good has been the result thereof to the Encampment branch of the Order.

In consequence of the Encampments meeting at various points over the city, your Committee would recommend the continuance of the appropriation, thereby relieving the Committee from any pecuniary loss in the discharge of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY YORK, *Chairman.*
H. W. BAILEY,
W. A. PIPER, M. D.,
W. A. WITHERUP,
N. G. WATSON,
JOHN WOLTJEN.

Attest, GEORGE W. DOHNERT, *Secretary.*

(Annual Communication May 15th, 1876.)

The Committee on Election Returns presented the following report, viz:

PHILADELPHIA, *May 15th*, 1876.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

The undersigned Judge, Inspectors, and Clerks appointed to open and count the election returns of the Subordinate Encampments, respectfully submit the following as the result:

			VOTES
For M. W. Grand Patriarch	George Bertram	received	1165
" M. E. Grand High Priest	Edward Jones	"	1195
" R. W. Grand Senior Warden	Alan C. Lukens	"	1194
" R. W. Grand Scribe	James B. Nicholson	"	1195
" R. W. Grand Treasurer	John S. Heiss	"	1192
" R. W. Grand Junior Warden	Wm. A. Ruddach	"	692
	John J. Kelchner	"	500
" R. W. Grand Rep. to G. L. U. S.	Charles N. Hickok	"	799
	Alfred Slack	"	394

Respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS M. REA, *Judge.*
JOHN CURTIS, N. J. HART, *Inspectors.*
L. F. BAILEY, J. H. BEITEL, *Clerks.*

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch announced the following as the officers elect, viz:

GEORGE BERTRAM, M. W. Grand Patriarch.
EDWARD JONES, M. E. Grand High Priest.
ALAN C. LUKENS, R. W. Grand Senior Warden.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON, R. W. Grand Scribe.
JOHN S. HEISS, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
WM. A. RUDDACH, R. W. Grand Junior Warden.
CHARLES N. HICKOK, R. W. Grand Representative.

The Committee on Election Returns presented the following report of the District Deputy Grand Patriarchs, who had been elected to serve during the current year, viz:

PHILADELPHIA, *May 15th*, 1876.

To the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania:

Your Committee appointed to open and count the votes for District Deputy Grand Patriarchs, report that the following have been elected, viz:

(Annual Communication, May 15th, 1876.)

J. F. Peters	Adams	County	
Wm. C. Burt	Allegheny	"	
	Armstrong	"	
James Q. Eakins	Beaver	"	
John I. Noble	Bedford	"	
Isaiah Hoyer	Berks	"	
J. M. Lantz	Blair	"	
John J. Spalding	Bradford	"	
Alfred Fackenthal	Bucks	"	
W. J. Welsh	Butler	"	
John E. Fry	Cambria	"	
Wm. Curtis	Carbon	"	
Wm. C. McCucheon	Centre	"	
John W. Batt	Chester	"	
No Election	Clarion	"	
No Election	Clearfield	"	
G. A. Miller	Clinton	"	
Wm. Peacock	Columbia	"	
W. R. Weaver	Crawford	"	
D. N. Thomas	Cumberland	"	
Wm. Thomas	Dauphin	"	Northern District.
Wm. F. Stevens	"	"	Southern "
R. Singleton	Delaware	"	
No Election	Erie	"	
Jacob Graser	Fayette	"	
D. M. Eiker	Franklin	"	
Robert Morris	Greene	"	
Grafius Miller	Huntingdon	"	
M. H. Fails	Indiana	"	
A. Craig	Jefferson	"	
	Juniata	"	
H. L. Fraley	Lancaster	"	
T. B. Bryson	Lawrence	"	
J. D. Fœsig	Lebanon	"	
F. D. Busse	Lehigh	"	
M. J. Andrews	Luzerne	"	Northern District.
S. Y. Kittle	"	"	Middle "
J. O. Ide	"	"	Southern "
John G. Adey	"	"	Western "
No Election	Lycoming	"	
No Election	Mercer	"	
Theodore Schoch	Monroe	"	
J. Sueisfort	Montour	"	
Chas. Foreman	Montgomery	"	
Uriah Palmer	Northampton	"	
Emil Wilbert	Northumberland	"	
A. J. Jones	Perry	"	
A. Etien	Schuylkill	"	

No Election	Snyder	County.
John H. Uhl	Somerset	"
Wm. H. Custis	Susquehanna	"
R. C. Simpson	Tioga	"
John W. Wensel	Union	"
R. H. Mitchell	Venango	"
H. P. Kinnear	Warren	"
E. H. Griffith	Washington	"
E. E. Blake	Wayne	"
J. A. Marchand	Westmoreland	"
J. F. Sickler	Wyoming	"
W. H. Bange	York	"

Respectfully submitted,
FRANCIS M. REA, *Judge.*
JOHN CURTIS, N. J. HART, } *Inspectors.*
LEONARD F. BAILEY, J. HENRY BEITEL, } *Clerks.*

The report was on motion ordered to appear on the Journal and the District Deputy Grand Patriarchs to be commissioned.

Past Grand Patriarch Pfaff moved that the Grand Encampment do now proceed with the installation of the officers elect, which was adopted.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch announced the following as the Committee to introduce the officers elect, viz:

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRIARCH,
P. G. P. Augustus Pfaff, P. G. P. Smith Skinner.

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
P. C. P. Alfred Slack, P. C. P. John H. Uhl.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SENIOR WARDEN,
P. C. P. Geo. F. Weaver, Jr. P. C. P. Thos. W. Simpson.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN,
P. G. P. F. M. Rea, P. C. P. John J. Kelchner.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SCRIBE,
G. Rep. C. N. Hickok, P. G. P. Wm. H. Trinick.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER,
P. G. P. M. R. Muckle, P. C. P. J. N. Snyder.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch called upon Patriarch John W. Stokes, Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, to install the officers elect.

The officers elect were presented near the foot of the principal chair, and they were duly installed into their respective chairs by the Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire.

Past Grand Patriarch Rea presented the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this Grand Encampment are due and are hereby tendered to Most Worthy Grand Patriarch Sullivan S. Child, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, and that a committee of three Past Chief Patriarchs be appointed to prepare and present to him a suitable testimonial of appreciation of his services.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch appointed as the Committee under the foregoing resolution :

Patriarchs F. M. Rea, P. G. P., M. Richards Muckle, P. G. P., Andrew Schlayer, P. C. P.

The following appeal from Ashland Encampment, No. 45, was presented, viz :

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.

SIRS AND PATRIARCHS :

Ashland Encampment, No. 45, I. O. O. F., under your jurisdiction, respectfully presents this the appeal of said Encampment from the decision of the Appeal Committee of the Grand Encampment, in the matter of the appeal of Patriarch John G. Moxey, approved October 21st, 1875, said decision having been made for the reason that this Encampment had not complied with a by-law of the Grand Encampment. The reasons for making this appeal are as follows:

First. Because the constitution of the Grand Encampment expressly declares that Subordinate Encampments shall govern themselves in the transaction of their business by the constitution and rules of order adopted by the Grand Encampment and furnished to Subordinate Encampments for that purpose.

Second. Because this Encampment, in all its transactions relating to the said appeal, acted in strict conformity with the requirements of the constitution so furnished by the Grand Encampment for the government of this Encampment in the transaction of its business.

Third. Because the constitution of the Grand Encampment nowhere, directly or by implication, authorizes that body to pass by-laws for the government of the Subordinate Encampments, but on the contrary declares expressly that they shall be governed in the transaction of their business by the constitution adopted for Subordinate Encampments, and furnished them for that purpose.

Fourth. Beeause the power of the Grand Encampment to make by-laws is restricted to such as are in accordance with the constitution of the Grand Encampment; whereas, the said so-called by-law (Article 17, Sec. 11,) is not in accordance with said constitution or any part thereof, there being no article or section of article therein to which said so-called by-law can be either positively or constructively applied.

Fifth. Because by-laws are private laws—aside from the general law, to which they are subordinate—made by a corporation or association for its own government only, and consequently are binding only on the body passing them.

By order of the Encampment.

RICHARD H. LODGE, *Chief Patriarch.*

Attest: ANDREW J. BOSWELL, *Scribe.*

On motion of Past Chief Patriarch Graham, of No. 45, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the afternoon session.

The following communication from Kiskiminetas Encampment, No. 192, was presented, viz:

HALL OF KISKIMINETAS ENCAMPMENT, NO. 192,
APOLLO, PA., *May 1st*, 1876.

On motion, *Resolved*, that the Officers of this Encampment be instructed to make an appeal to the Grand Encampment of this jurisdiction for aid.

Extract from the minutes.

CHARLES SILVERMAN, *Scribe*,
per S.

APOLLO, PA., *May 8th*, 1876.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, ESQ., *Grand Scribe, Philadelphia, Pa.*

DEAR SIR AND PATRIARCH:

Herewith you will please find enclosed, an appeal to the Right Worthy Grand Encampment for aid, in behalf of Kiskiminetas Encampment, No. 192.

Right Worthy Sir, will you please pardon our presumption in making this, our request, that you represent the officers of our Encampment on the floor of the Grand Encampment, when this appeal is under consideration?

The facts in the case are these: aside from the fire of January 19, 1876, in which our effects were a *total loss*, our town has never suffered since its settlement from such a series of distressing circumstances as it has been laboring under for the past six months.

(Annual Communication, May 15th, 1876.)

In October, 1875, the Iron City Iron Works, located in our place, suspended operations entirely, with no prospect of resumption. From the effects of this suspension the business of our town has been almost totally paralyzed, our members thrown out of employment, and their families, in several cases, in want; in a word, we are poor, and absolutely need assistance from some quarter, or we very much fear for the continuance of our Encampment.

We were very much encouraged by the tone of your communication of 30th of March, "That you would do all that was in your power to aid us in reviving our Encampment." And now we humbly ask, and trustingly hope, that you will give us your sympathy and influence in this our appeal to the Right Worthy Grand Encampment for aid.

We are most respectfully and fraternally yours,

C. J. KEPPLE, *Chief Patriarch*,
D. D. P. ALEXANDER, *High Priest*,
B. F. REESE, *Senior Warden*,
HENRY TRUBY, *Junior Warden*,
CHAS. SILVERMAN, *Scribe*,
per S.
THOMAS REESE, *Treasurer*.

P. S. Brother Past Grand Silverman has gone to Philadelphia this week, and will represent Mineral Point Lodge next week. Any further information in regard to our condition you wish, he can furnish you.

HALL OF KISKIMINETAS ENCAMPMENT, No. 192, I. O. O. F.,
APOLLO, PA., *May 8th*, 1876.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

SIRS AND PATRIARCHS:

In accordance with the enclosed resolution we appeal to you in behalf of Kiskiminetas Encampment, No. 192. On the night of January 19th, 1876, everything belonging to our Encampment was consumed by fire, except our Ledger, Semi-Annual Report, and Order Book, on which we had no insurance. On account of the depressed condition of business resulting from the almost entire suspension of the manufacturing interests of our town, since October, 1875, quite a number of our membership thought best to surrender our Charter, thinking it impossible to procure another outfit. Wiser counsel, however, prevailing, we have decided to use every effort to again put our Encampment in its original working order.

Patriarchs, We are poor, and we appeal to you for aid as brothers in distress. Hoping and believing that our appeal will be considered by your honorable body, and that you will not turn us empty away,

We are most respectfully and fraternally yours,

C. J. KEPPLE, *Chief Patriarch*,
D. D. P. ALEXANDER, *High Priest*,
B. F. REESE, *Senior Warden*,
HENRY TRUBY, *Junior Warden*,
CHAS. SILVERMAN, *Scribe*,
THOMAS REESE, *Treasurer*.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Funds in Treasurer's hands..... $85 00

Past Grand Patriarch Trinick moved that an appropriation of $25.00 be made to aid the Encampment.

Past Chief Patriarch Baldwin, of No. 213, moved to amend by striking out $25.00 and inserting $100.00.

Past Chief Patriarch Gwinner, of No. 17, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "moved" and insert, that permission be given to circulate a petition among the Subordinate Encampments in aid of Kiskiminetas Encampment, No. 192.

Past Grand Patriarch Child moved the previous question, which was sustained by the requisite number and ordered.

The question occurring upon the amendment of Past Chief Patriarch Gwinner it was not adopted.

The amendment of Past Chief Patriarch Baldwin was adopted.

The question recurring upon the original motion as amended, it was agreed to, and the appropriation of $100 was adopted.

Past Grand Patriarch Child moved that any regalia of a defunct Encampment that can be legally disposed of be presented to Kiskiminetas Encampment, No. 192, to enable it to resume work.

The motion was adopted.

The proposed amendment to Section 2, of Article III of the Constitution of the Subordinate Encampments, was presented.

Past Grand Patriarch Pfaff moved that its further consideration be postponed until the afternoon session, which was adopted.

A communication from Jerusalem Encampment, No. 58, was presented, and on motion its further consideration was postponed until this afternoon.

Past Chief Patriarch Jones, of No. 224, moved that the instruction in the work of the Order be given at 5 o'clock, P. M., unless sooner ordered.

The motion was adopted.

Past Chief Patriarch Child moved that a recess be ordered until the hour of $2\frac{1}{2}$ o'clock, P. M.

It was moved to amend by striking out $2\frac{1}{2}$ and inserting 2 o'clock.

The amendment was agreed to and the original motion as amended was adopted.

The Grand Junior Warden, by command of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, declared the Grand Encampment to be in recess until 2 o'clock, P. M.

MAY 15—2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Right Worthy Grand Encampment re-assembled pursuant to the order at recess. Present, the Grand Officers and a large number of Past Chief Patriarchs.

After the usual preliminaries the Right Worthy Grand Junior Warden, by command of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, declared the recess to be terminated and the regular order of business resumed.

The Right Worthy Deputy Grand Sire, John W. Stokes, announced the presence of Past Grand Patriarch Haskin, of the Grand Encampment of New York, who was in waiting. The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch appointed Past Grand Patriarch Simpson and Grand Representative Hickok a committee to introduce the visitor. The committee retired, and returned with the Past Grand

Patriarch, who was introduced and welcomed to the Grand Encampment.

Past Grand Representative Stokes, from the Committee on that subject, presented the following report, viz :

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania.

The Committee to which was referred the Annual Reports of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, the Most Excellent Grand High Priest, and the Right Worthy Grand Scribe, respectfully report :

That the examination of these several reports does not disclose anything calling for the special action of the Grand Encampment, and are happy in being able to approve the actions and labors of these officers during the past year.

But there is in all of these reports the most valuable counsel and advice to the Patriarchal branch of the Order, which your Committee hope may engage the serious attention and consideration of every Encampment in the state, and of every member of this branch of the Order, and in the opinion of the Committee, no time could be better spent than in devoting an hour or two at some particular meeting of the Encampment during the term, at which all the members should be invited to attend, in reading and discussing the subjects therein so eloquently referred to, and which is designed by these experienced officers who have been indefatigable in their labors in promoting the best interests of every member and the permanent success and prosperity of the Encampments throughout the state.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STOKES,
THOS. W. SIMPSON, } *Committee.*
JOHN H. UHL,

The report was, on motion, adopted.

Past Chief Patriarch Christ, of No. 22, submitted the following, viz :

WHEREAS, A number of Patriarchs, members of different Encampments, with the laudable intention of attracting attention to the Patriarchal branch of the Order during the Centennial celebration, have equipped themselves in the street uniform and organized a battalion, and are drilling for parade and escort duty, and as it is believed that their efforts will contribute to the general good of the Encampment, and create new interest therein, therefore, in recognition of their services, be it

Resolved, That the Committee of Arrangements be empowered to present a suitable banner and flags to the Philadelphia Battalion of Uniformed Patriarchs, as a recognition of their efforts to advance the interests of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

Resolved, That an appropriation not exceeding three hundred dollars be made for the purpose of carrying the above resolution into effect.

The resolutions were ordered to be considered *seriatim*.

The first resolution being under consideration, Past Chief Patriarch Gwinner moved to refer the whole subject to the Committee on the Centennial Celebration, with power to act.

The motion of Past Chief Patriarch Gwinner was adopted.

The consideration of the appeal of Ashland Encampment, No. 45, was resumed.

Past Chief Patriarch Smith, of No. 24, moved that the action of the Committee on Appeals be sustained.

The motion was adopted.

The consideration of the proposed amendment to the Constitution of Subordinate Encampments was resumed, viz:

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.

I offer as amendment to Article III, Section 2d, of the Constitution for Subordinate Encampments the following: Strike out the words, "but there shall be no reduction of benefits to those who have been sick for a period of time, that will create a difference in the amount that is being paid to sick members."

ROBERT F. MAULE, Jr.,
Past Chief Patriarch, No. 45.

Past Chief Patriarch Smith, of No. 24, moved that the amendment be ordered to lie on the table.

The motion was adopted, Yeas 94, Nays 32.

The consideration of the communication from Jerusalem Encampment, No. 58, was resumed, viz:

No. 602 Poplar Street,
Philadelphia, *May* 11*th*, 1876.

To the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.

Sirs and Patriarchs:—At a meeting of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 58, I. O. O. F., held the above date, it was "*Resolved*, That the Grand Encampment, I. O. O. F., of Pennsylvania, be requested to take some action which will be conclusive upon the subject of a reduction of benefits after a continued stated illness of a Patriarch; and be requested to decide as to the legality of the following by-law, supposing it to have been regularly adopted,

"The weekly benefits shall be $5 per week; *provided*, the period of sickness or disability does not exceed 26 weeks, thereafter they shall be $2.50 per week."

(Extract from the minutes.)

Attest, WILLIAM M. WECKERLY, *Scribe.*

We have no seal.

Past Chief Patriarch Pinkerton, of No. 167, moved that the communication be ordered to lie on the table.

The motion was adopted.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch announced the following appointments, viz:

Worthy Grand Marshal.

J. P. S. GOBIN, ... No. 68.

Worthy Grand Inside Sentinel.

JOHN B. RHODES, ... No. 32.

Worthy Grand Outside Sentinel.

GEORGE C. HOSTER, ... No. 47.

Finance Committee.

James P. Robbins, No. 55.

Philip Lowry, No. 83. J. H. Beitel, No. 17.

Committee on Credentials.

Leonard F. Bailey, No. 17.

George F. Weaver, Jr., No. 10. John H. Uhl, No. 113.

Committee on the State of the Order.

John B. Springer, No. 38.

Samuel Haworth, No. 49. M. H. Ritter, No. 66.

Committee on Laws.

Thomas M. Armstrong, No. 105.

Committee on Printing.

Charles K. Neisser, No. 36.

Richard Cohill, No. 146. James McGahey, No. 24.

Committee on Appeals.

Augustus Pfaff, No. 55.

Francis M. Rea, No. 146. Chas. N. Robbins, No. 55.

Committee of Superintendence.

Henry York, ... No. 36.
William McFeeters, ... No. 83.
George W. Dohnert, ... No. 36.
Elias Johnson, ... No. 47.
William C. F. Reichenbach, ... No. 17.
John Woltjen, ... No. 48.
Wm. A. Piper, ... No. 22.

On motion of Past Grand Representative Stokes the appointments were confirmed.

Past Chief Patriarch Robbins, from the Committee on Finance, presented the following, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the following appropriations be made to Grand Officers for their attendance at this session, viz:

Grand Patriarch S. S. Child..... $10 00
Grand High Priest Ed. Jones.....20 00
Grand Marshal Andrew Schlayer.....10 00
Grand Junior Warden W. A. Ruddach,..... 5 00

Deputy Grand Sire Stokes and Grand Representative Hickok proceeded to give instructions in the Patriarchal Work of the Order. Upon the conclusion of the instructions Past Chief Patriarch Borie moved that the thanks of the Grand Encampment be tendered to the Deputy Grand Sire and to Grand Representative Hickok for the able and clear instructions which they had imparted.

The motion was adopted.

Past Grand Patriarch Trinick moved that a committee of three be appointed with authority to procure twelve new regalias for Past Grand Patriarchs.

The motion was adopted.

On motion, permission was granted to Guardian Encampment, No. 199, and sister Encampments that desire to do so, to parade on the 30th of May.

Past Chief Patriarch J. P. Robbins, of No. 55, moved that an appropriation of $250.00 be made to pay for the regalia ordered under the resolution of Past Grand Patriarch Trinick.

The motion was adopted.

Past Chief Patriarch Gwinner moved that when the Grand Encampment adjourns it adjourns to meet on Wednesday next, at 5 o'clock, P. M., for the purpose of admitting Past Chief Patriarchs to membership, and installing the officers elect.

The motion was adopted.

The Grand Encampment was invited to visit Ashland Encampment this evening, and the invitation was accepted in behalf of all who could attend.

The minutes of the sessions were read and approved.

At 5 o'clock, P. M., the Grand Encampment, on motion, adjourned.

The Right Worthy Grand Junior Warden, by command of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, declared the Grand Encampment to be adjourned until Wednesday, the 17th inst., at 5 o'clock, P. M.

(Annual Communication, May 17th, 1876.)

WEDNESDAY, May 17th, 5 o'clock, P. M.

The Right Worthy Grand Encampment met pursuant to the order at adjournment. Present,

FRANCIS M. REA, . .	M. W. Grand Patriarch, *p. t.*
EDWARD JONES, . . .	M. E. Grand High Priest.
JOHN LEVI, ...	R. W. Grand Senior Warden, *p. t.*
AUGUSTUS PFAFF, . .	R. W. Grand Scribe, *p. t.*
JOHN S. HEISS, . . .	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
JAMES ORR, . . .	W. Grand Marshal, *p. t.*
CHARLES FOREMAN, . .	W. Grand Inside Sentinel, *p. t.*
GEORGE C. HOSTER, .	W. Grand Outside Sentinel.

And a quorum of Past Chief Patriarchs.

The Grand Patriarch appointed as the Committee on Credentials for the evening, Past Chief Patriarchs John I. Noble, of No. 200, Joseph Oldham, of No. 185, and John J. Kelchner, of No. 96.

Past Grand Patriarch Pfaff offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the next Annual Session of the Grand Encampment be held at such place as may be determined upon by the Grand Lodge as the place to hold its next annual session.

Past Chief Patriarch Wm. Roddick moved that the resolution adopted at the session on Monday, in relation to procuring Past Grand Patriarch's regalia, be reconsidered.

The motion was adopted.

The question recurring upon the adoption of the resolution, Past Chief Patriarch Fryer, of No. 222, moved to amend by striking out all after the word "procure," and inserting, "a set of Grand Officers' regalia."

The amendment was agreed to, and the original resolution as amended, was adopted.

The Most Worthy Grand Patriarch subsequently appointed as the Committee under the foregoing resolution: Francis M. Rea, Past Grand Patriarch, James McGahey, Past Grand Patriarch, James Orr, Past Chief Patriarch.

The appointed Officers were duly installed into their respective chairs by the Grand Patriarch.

Upon being requested, Past Chief Patriarch Augustus Pfaff gave instructions in the work of the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

On motion of Past Chief Patriarch Sands, of No. 8, the thanks of the Grand Encampment were tendered to Past Grand Patriarch Pfaff for the able manner in which he had imparted instructions in the work.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

The following Past Chief Patriarchs, whose certificates had been received and acknowledged, being in waiting they were introduced and formally admitted to membership in the Grand Encampment during the Annual Communication, viz:

Pittsburgh Encampment,	No. 2,	J. B. Williams.
Lafayette, . . .	5,	Geo. Wagner.
Lafayette, . . .	5,	James R. Agin.
Hebron, . . .	8,	William Runyeon.
Hebron, . . .	8,	Daniel Setley.
Andrew Jackson, .	9,	Jos. S. Beaumont.
Lackawanna, . .	16,	Henry J. Baer.
Lackawanna, . .	16,	John O. Miles.
Siloam, . . .	17,	W. C. F. Reichenbach.
Harris, . . .	22,	Chas. J. Richardson.
Harris, . . .	22,	W. R. West, Jr.
Shawnee, . . .	23,	E. A. Becker.
United Brothers, .	26,	Samuel A. Kensil.
Lackawaxen, . .	30,	Samuel Saunders, Jr.
Valley, . . .	34,	John A. Fleming.

Valley Encampment,	No. 34,	D. K. Myers.
Norristown, . .	37,	Joseph L. Kindy.
Bradford, . . .	41,	Warren Hill.
Heneosis Adelphon, .	42,	Wm. Conrader.
Heneosis Adelphon, .	42,	Henry Frank.
Ashland, . . .	45,	Jeremiah Crosby.
Ashland, . . .	45,	Chas. W. Thomas.
Paradise, . . .	53,	John Ingersoll.
Jordan, . . .	55,	John S. Donal.
Jordan, . . .	55,	J. Andrew Scheell.
Manitou, . . .	62,	Jacob Margerum.
Manitou, . . .	62,	J. B. Fleming.
Apalachian, . .	69,	W. L. Garrett,
Widows' Friend, .	71,	J. B. Russell.
Bellefonte, . . .	72,	H. B. Pontius.
Scrantonia, . . .	81,	A. L. Horn.
Olympus, . . .	82,	Wm. Roddick.
Olympus, . . .	82,	Henry McCoy.
Logan, . . .	83,	John B. Loflin.
Logan, . . .	83,	Wm. McFeeters.
Lawrence, . . .	86,	J. H. Hartsuff.
Lawrence, . . .	86,	J. Y. Mosley.
Clarion, . . .	90,	J. E. Wood.
Big Spring, . .	92,	J. M. Hays.
Flourtown, . . .	94,	E. S. Stahlnecker.
Kossuth, . . .	98,	R. P. King.
Monongahela, . .	109,	Isaiah Phillips.
Pennsylvania, . .	111,	Alfred Taylor.
Montgomery, . .	115,	Geo. T. Keech.
Montgomery, . .	115,	Aaron Keech.
Montgomery, . .	115,	Lorenzo Keech.
Union, . . .	126,	J. A. Kitzmiller.
Frankford, . .	131,	Ernst Winttrer.
Star, ...	139,	John R. Reichart.
Lincoln, . . .	142,	John F. Peters.

Naomi Encampment,	No. 146,	Geo. H. Kindle.
Naomi, . . .	146,	John O'Grady.
Yohogany, . . .	147,	Samuel Fields.
Enterprise, . . .	153,	Wm. Wallace.
Robert Blum, . .	155,	Carl Ruhe.
Wayne, . . .	159,	Abner Andrews.
Wayne, . . .	159,	G. W. Simons.
Wayne, . . .	159,	Wm. E. Simons.
Pilgrims, . . .	160,	Geo. P. Straub.
Pilgrims, . . .	160,	Adam Batdorf.
Fountain, . . .	170,	Simon Andesner.
Moshannon, . .	173,	Solomon Schmidt.
Moshannon, . .	173,	D. H. Parker.
Wiconisco, . . .	181,	William Thomas.
Oil City, . . .	182,	James S. Shearer.
Falls of Schuylkill, .	185,	Wm. L. Morrison.
Manchester, . .	194,	G. W. Greig.
Freeport, . . .	195,	Samuel J. Anthony.
Irwin, ...	196,	Wm. P. Dewalt.
Liberty, . . .	198,	H. P. Smith.
Guardian, . . .	199,	Geo. R. Scott.
Tunkhannock, . .	204,	J. F. Sickler.
Olivia, . . .	206,	D. Stewart Elliott.
Oneida, . . .	207,	R. A. Whiteman.
Conshohocken, . .	209,	H. G. Kinzie.
Lone Star, . . .	215,	E. B. Davis.
Centreville, . . .	224,	Ahira Jones, Jr.
Canawacta, . .	225,	F. E. Ives.
Saxonia, . . .	237,	Wm. J. Welsh.
Factoryville, . .	246,	Henry Newcomb.
Warrior, . . .	250,	John Dunn.

There being no further business, on motion the Grand Encampment adjourned *sine die*.

(Annual Communication, May 17th, 1876.)

At 6½ o clock, P. M., the Grand Junior Warden by command of the Grand Patriarch, declared the Annual Communication of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania for the year 1876 to be closed.

Attest:

James B. Nicholson

Grand Scribe.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT I.O.O.F. OF PENNA. 1829

JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

BOARD OF OFFICERS

OF THE

Right Worthy Grand Encampment

From the Annual Session of 1875 to the Annual Session of 1876.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16, 1876.

A meeting of the Board of Grand Officers was held at the office of the Grand Scribe, this morning at 11 o'clock. Present:

GEORGE BERTRAM, ...	Grand High Priest.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON, ...	Grand Scribe.
JOHN S. HEISS, ...	Grand Treasurer.
ALAN C. LUKENS, ...	Grand Junior Warden.

A petition signed by twelve Royal Purple Degree members holding Withdrawal Cards, asking that the charter of Jerusalem Encampment, No. 58, might be restored under the law of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered, and on motion the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

On motion, adjourned.

Attest, JAMES B. NICHOLSON,
Grand Scribe.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28, 1876.

A meeting of the Board of Grand Officers was held this morning at 10 o'clock, at the office of the Grand Scribe. Present:

GEORGE BERTRAM, ...	Grand High Priest.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON, ...	Grand Scribe.
JOHN S. HEISS, ...	Grand Treasurer.
ALAN C. LUKENS, ...	Grand Junior Warden.

Upon the favorable report of Robert Dougherty, District Deputy Grand Master, E. B. Thompson, Past Chief Patriarch, and Samuel J. Fryer, Past Chief Patriarch, to whom was referred the application for a charter for an Encampment to be located at Rural Village, Armstrong county, a dispensation was granted to institute an Encampment to be known as Morse Encampment, No. 251.

On motion, adjourned.

Attest, JAMES B. NICHOLSON,

Grand Scribe.

REPORTS OF THE DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
2	Pittsburg	1st & 3d Tuesday	3	86	8	$44 00	$2817 04
87	"	2d & 4th Tuesday	3	51	.....	263 80	307 85
101	Allegheny	1st & 3d Wednesday.	1	167	5	440 00	1574 21
107	Pittsburg, s. side	2d & 4th Saturday	6	67	3	73 90	1465 04
109	Elizabeth	1st & 3d Friday	2	54	2	24 00	1548 17
125	Pittsburg	1st & 3d Thursday	2	52	5	37 00	.....
147	McKeesport	2d & 4th Monday	3	85	2	101 00	266 87
148	Pittsburg, s side	1st & 3d Monday	1	70	2	355 00	1747 00
155	" "	2d & 4th Wednesday	1	57	.....	59 75	353 68
165	" east end.	1st & 3d Thursday	2	42	1	15 00	260 00
187	Tarentum	1st & 3d Thursday	1	45	.....	27 00	602 21
194	Allegheny	1st & 3d Wednesday.	23	51	1	58 50	416 06
198	Pittsburg, east end	1st & 3d Friday	2	31	2	116 00	482 96
212	West Elizabeth	2d & 4th Friday	1	46	4	225 00	383 93
215	Boston	2d & 4th Thursday	1	32	1	15 00	363 42
218	Allegheny	2d & 4th Wednesday	1	50	.....	82 00	851 66
239	Turtle Creek	1st & 3d Monday	1	27	1	12 00	420 00

REMARKS.—The Encampments in my jurisdiction are in good working order as regards their work, but in attendance there cannot be much said about it. From my report you will find that I have visited all of the Encampments in my district, and as a general thing I find small attendance in members. This I suppose is more on account of the hard times we have been accustomed to these last two years. No money and no work has caused a great deal of trouble amongst the fraternity in this county, but I trust that times will change and this branch of the Order may grow to a greater extent over this county.

JOHN C. HARPER,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

BEAVER COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Am'nt Paid for Rel ef.	Amount of Funds.
116	Bridgewater	1st & 3d Thursday...	3	65	4	$45 00	$997 03
151	New Brighton.....	1st & 3d Saturday...	26	58	1	220 00	478 92

REMARKS.—The Encampments in this county are both in a healthy condition, working harmoniously, but owing to the unsettled condition of monetary matters we have not had the accessions that we would if this were not the case. Evergreen Encampment has had a great deal of sickness this term; it has reduced her treasury considerably, but it does not discourage the officers and members.

Yours fraternially,

G. N. TAYLOR,

D. G. Grand Patriarch.

BEDFORD COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Am'nt Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
114	Bedford	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	4	50	3	$180 00	$62 88
200	Woodbury.....	2d & 4th Tuesday....	23	39	2	39 00	405 69
206	Everett.....	2d & 4th Tuesday....	1	60	5	94 50	371 35

JOHN I. NOBLE.

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

BERKS COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
8	Reading	2d & last Friday.....	5	292	1	$275 750	$8191 50
43	Reading	1st & 3d Friday.....	18	283	5	2379 96	7182 66
106	Hamburg	1st & 3d Friday	.....	54	2	220 00	1343 17
123	Long Swamp.....	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	.....	52	1	120 00	680 90
152	Reading	1st & 3d Friday.....	9	75	21	52 00	555 72
190	Birdsboro	1st & 3d Friday..	1	29	.....	36 00	40 96

REMARKS.—In submitting this, my first Annual Report, it affords me much pleasure to report the present condition of the Patriarchal branch of the Order in Berks County. Hebron Encampment, No. 8, and Reading Encampment, No. 43, are in excellent condition, both numerically and financially. Hamburg Encampment, No. 106, and Kutztown Encampment, No. 123, are doing as well as can be expected. Mount Penn Encampment, No. 152, you will see by their Report, are very active workers and are doing remarkably well since they moved to Reading. Birdsboro Encampment, No. 190, appears to be on a stand, however; when I visited the Encampment the Patriarchs were in hopes they would be able to get a number of new members ere long.

Fraternally yours,
ISAIAH HOYER,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

BLAIR COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Am'nt Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
69	Hollidaysburg.....	1st & 3d Friday.	*	80	3	$160 00	$1076 46
129	Altoona	2d & 4th Thursday..	2	100	4	92 00	1167 72

*Regular.

REMARKS.—I am happy to be able to report the Encampments in this district in a prosperous condition.

Yours fraternally,
LEVI LUDORN,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

BRADFORD COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
41	Towanda.....	2d & 4th Wednesday	*	70	1	$8 00	$420 26
184	Canton	2d & 4th Thursday..	....	56	7	32 40	563 83
205	Wyalusing..	No report	.....	.. ...	.....	.....	.....
235	Troy	No report.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....

* Every Month.

REMARKS.—Encampments Nos. 41 and 184 are in good condition, with every appearance of continued prosperity. No. 205 has had the misfortune to lose their whole outfit by fire, and are not working at present; but I have the assurance of some of the members that they will be able to resume work in a short time, No. 235, from loss of members by moving away and want of interest in those remaining, will probably have to surrender their Charter.

WARREN HILL,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

BUCKS COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
35	Doylestown	1st & 3d Thursday...	23	66	11	$90 00	$688 87
*77	Richboro.....	2d & 4th Monday.....	.....	31	.....	90 00	351 33
†223	Hulmeville.....	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....

* Report from March to September, 1875. No report received in March, 1876.

† No report during the year.

REMARKS.—No. 35 is in a prosperrus condition, but 77 and 223 do not hold regular meetings, and are anything else but prosperous. If an effort was made, they might possibly be revived and again placed upon a firm basis.

ALFRED FACKENTHALL,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

BUTLER COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
237	Saxonburg..	2d & 4th Friday.....	.....	27	.....	$6 00	$124 29
238	Butler.....	1st & 3d Friday.....	*	22	.....	.....	76 69

* Regularly.

REMARKS.—In submitting this, my annual report, I must say I have nothing encouraging to report. This branch of the Order is in a sickly condition. There seems to be no interest taken except by about a half dozen members, who meet regularly, and often adjourn for want of a quorum. We have had no increase of members; I hope it may improve.

Yours fraternally,
THOMAS B. WHITE,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

CARBON COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
21	Mauch Chunk.....	1st & 3d Friday.....	.....	52	.....	$96 00	$1305 35
170	Summit Hill.....	2d & 4th Friday.....	14	50	1	264 00	550 20

REMARKS.—I regret to say that during my short appointment I have not been able to visit No. 21.

The excuse I offer is unavoidable circumstances, but I am assured by my Special Deputies that No. 21 is improving in financial affairs, as you will see by the above report.

No. 170 is in good condition, not increasing as fast as might be, but the increase is of the right material. The prospects are more promising, and I sincerely hope my successor will be able to report a large increase in this jurisdiction. Yours fraternally,

WM. CURTIS,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

CENTRE COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
27	Bellefonte.....	2d & 4th Monday....	18	44	4	$60 00	$115 51
173	Phillipsburg.....	1st & 3d Wednesday.	.....	35	1	.....	29 70

The present fiscal year is one that does not show much increase in this branch of Odd Fellowship. The Moshannon Encampment, No. 173, which is located at Phillipsburg, has for some time exhibited a want of interest in the right direction. Fully half this term expired before I received the semi-annual report due in September last. But I am glad to report that this Encampment is again in working order. I deputed Past Chief Patriarch George Moffat to install the officers, and to him, as well as a few other worthy Patriarchs, much credit is due for their efforts to infuse new life into this Encampment, which they have in a measure accomplished.

Bellefonte Encampment, No. 72, I. O. O. F., is in a tolerably good condition, not from the fact that it has a large fund or a large membership, but from the fact that it has earnest working Patriarchs. Some of the old pioneer Odd Fellows of this county compose its membership. Centre Lodge, No. 153, in a spirit of liberality, lowered the rent of the Lodge room to one dollar a night, and the membership are now making preparations to purchase the new regulation uniform of the Order. I am looking forward to an increase of interest with encouraging hope of success.

J. S. BARNHART,
D. D. Grand Patriarch

CLARION COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
90	Clarion.....	2d & 4th Monday.....	30	58	.....	.....	$147 12
229	East Brady.....	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	1	25	.....	.....	10 96
240	West Freedom.....	2d & 4th Wednesday	1	46	.....	.....	123 52

REMARKS.—The undersigned had to delay sending the above on account of not having the report from No. 229, which was held back by Special Deputy on account of the installation of Officers of that Encampment. Hard times have caused somewhat of a stagnation in the onward move of the Patriarchal branch of the Order in this District, but I have the assurance of the same that they will, in course of a short time, be in better condition financially as well as otherwise.

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES KAUFMAN,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

CLINTON COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
27	Lock Haven.....	2d & 4th Monday.....	1	20	.....	$15 00	$34 89
163	Renovo	2d & 4th Thursday..	20	28	.....	....	548 29

REMARKS.—I can say with great pleasure that the Encampment branch of our Order is in a very good condition. The work is conducted with the utmost accuracy, and what few members we have are active and energetic.

I have good cause to believe that were it not for the general depression of business in this section of the State, that great accessions would have been the result of our last year's labors. With the sincere hope that we may in the future as in the past, have the blessings of Divine Providence crown our labor of love,

I am fraternally yours, &c.,

P. C. MOYER,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
208	Bloomsburg	2d & 4th Wednesday	*	57	3	$124 00	$159 21

* Regularly.

REMARKS.—Bloom Encampment is in a healthy state; although our membership is small in numbers they are good material and work in harmony, and peace and good will prevail among the members.

Yours fraternally,

WM. PEACOCK,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
82	Olympus	2d & 4th Thursday...	1	111	3	$547 43	.....
226	Petrolia	2d & 4th Tuesday....	*	25	3	....	.....

* Regularly.

W. R. WEAVER,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
29	Mechanicsburg....	2d & 4th Friday.....	1	31	.....	$31 00	$1244 67
34	Shippensburg	1st & 3d Friday..	*	30	.....	20 00	739 00
92	Newville	1st & 3d Friday.....	.....	37	.....	52 00	674 68
183	Carlisle	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	.....	36	.....	3 50	390 50

* Regularly.

REMARKS.—Although there has been a decrease in the membership of this District for the past year, owing, no doubt to the scarcity of money and labor, yet a majority of the Encampments have increased financially.

The meetings are well attended and peace and harmony prevail, and I feel satisfied that in this, the Centennial year, the members will do all in their power to advance the Patriarchal branch of the Order.

Yours fraternally,

J. K. L. MACKEY,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

DAUPHIN COUNTY—NORTHERN DISTRICT.

No.	LOCATION:	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
137	Halifax	1st & 3d Monday.....	1	37	.....	$68 00	$439 48
181	Lykens.....	1st & 3d Wednesday	*	53	.....	64 00	1492 47
228	Gratz	2d & 4th Wednesday	2	22	.....	.....	588 69

* Regularly.

REMARKS.—In making this, my first annual official report, it gives me pleasure to say that the Encampments in this District are in a prosperous condition financially, but not numerically. We have had no initiations in this District for the last year; I cannot give any other cause than the financial embarrassment throughout the country. I have attended to all of the installations personally, with the exception of Wiconisco Encampment, No. 181, which was installed in September, 1875, by the M. W. G. P., S. S. Child, accompanied by P. C. P. Andrew Schlayer, of No. 10. The officers of Eureka Encampment, No. 137, were installed this last term by P. C. P. Wm. B. Grey; all of the others I attended to personally. Some of the Encampments in this District are making an effort to uniform themselves, with the purpose of attending the grand parade in Philadelphia in next September.

I take this method of thanking the Patriarchs in this District for their uniform kindness and courtesy extended to me in all my official visits.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally,

WILLIAM THOMAS,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

DELAWARE COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
121	Linwood	2d & 4th Wednesday	5	42	4	$87 00	$439 36
99	Chester	2d & 4th Wednesday	2	95	1	120 00	792 44
32	Rockdale	2d & 4th Saturday	1	40	1	102 00	626 74
54	Darby	2d & 4th Wednesday	2	24	.....	12 00	1015 58

REMARKS.—The Encampments in the county are in very good condition, as the report will show; there has not been many initiations during this year, owing, as I think, to the stringent times, the depression of all kinds of business, scarcity of money and of labor, but through all this we think that our county compares favorably with the others in finances, in proportion with the number of members. I have to regret that circumstances prevented me from attending better to the high position of District Deputy Grand Patriarch, hoping that my successor may prove superior in works. I trust our branch of the Order may prosper, and through the motto of Faith, Hope, and Charity, until our mission is complete. Thanking the Patriarchs for assistance in my duties of the office,

I remain, fraternally,

F. S. VERNON,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

ERIE COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
42	Erie	1st & 3d Wednesday	*	71	7	$90 00	$659 52
241	Corry	2d & 4th Thursday	2	34	5	12 00	90 40
248	Union City	2d & 4th Friday	2	41	8	45 00	324 96

*Nearly every night.

REMARKS.—In submitting this, my first annual report, I take pride in saying that the Encampments in the District are working strictly to the letter, and the meetings are well attended, although we have not increased in numbers as we should have, owing to the panic, and many of the Patriarchs being out of employment. With hope of better times, and with the knowledg that the Patriarchs of this District are live, working members, officered by earnest and efficient men, we expect to give a good report of this branch of our beloved Order for the coming year. I wish to return my sincere thanks to Past District Deputy Grand Patriarch James F. Lord, and to Past Chief Patriarch R. B. Hubbard, for services rendered me in my visitations through the district.

WM. TIDMAN,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
70	Brownsville	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	*	65	1	$69 00	$1800 59
80	Uniontown.....	2d & 4th Thursday..	2	31	5	....	1027 18
188	Connellsville...	2d & 4th Tuesday...	2	38	.....	24 00	1044 23
243	Bellevernon	2d & 4th Tuesday...	1	36	1	52 00	358 40

* Visited regularly.

REMARKS.—The Encampments in my District, although not increasing in membership as fast as I desire they should, are in sound and healthy condition. They are working harmoniously, and the best of feeling prevails amongst them.

Yours fraternally,

JACOB GRASER,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
13	Chambersburg.....	2d & 4th Monday.....	*	72	.....	$27 00	$1550 77
71	Waynesboro.....	2d & 4th Thursday..	.....	18	.....	.....	375 25

* Frequently.

REMARKS.—Olive Branch Encampment, No. 13, is in a flourishing condition. No. 71 being located in rather an out of the way place, I have not visited them during the year. I deputized P. C. P. Alf. N. Nevin to instal the officers, and quote from his report to me: "Our Encampment, though not increasing in numbers, I believe is in good condition, considering our circumstances and disadvantages. Our newly installed officers have expressed their determination to attempt an advance during the present term."

Yours fraternally,

D. M. EIKER,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

HUNTINGDON COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
180	Huntingdon	2d & 4th Tuesday...	*	40	.....	$20 00	$315 00
191	Coalmont	2d & 4th Thursday..	.....	43	.....	24 00	850 70

* Frequently.

REMARKS.—In this county we have suffered severely by the panic, and Patriarchs have been unable, many of them, to pay their dues, and the consequence has been, that there has been a heavy loss by suspensions, so that our reports are not as encouraging as we would like.

E. J. GREENE,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

INDIANA COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
168	Blairsville	1st & 3d Thursday...	*			$6 00	$52 00

*Regular.

REMARKS.—Our number is small and our meetings are not very regular, as the members cannot well attend as they are employed on the railroad. Times are hard, we have no place to get members from but from our one Lodge, and the members are very backward in giving their names into the Encampment, but I hope to have our number more by the next report, as we have received some propositions on the night of our meeting, and if we can only get a start I think we will increase our number by the next report.

Respectfully,
M. H. FAILS,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

JUNIATA COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
19	Perryville	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	12	28	1	$18 30	$38 00

REMARKS.—The delay of this report has been from two causes: first, the Officers elect did not meet together for installation for six weeks after election, owing to affliction in families of the officers elected, &c. Second, an important paper was mislaid, and could not be found for several evenings. We had hoped that after the Encampment was moved from Thompsontown to Perryville, it would improve and prosper better, but the removal had not the effect we hoped for and expected; its condition is worse now than before its removal, the few faithful that laboured so hard for its existence in its former location cannot attend the meetings so frequent as before on account of distance.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,

ELIHU BENNER,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
11	*Lancaster.....	2d & 4th Tuesday. ..	12	217	6	$512 00	$10,685 75
23	*Columbia.....	2d & 4th Friday.....	1	103	2	145 00	1,879 74
76	*Marietta	1st & 3d Thursday ..	.....	63	3	137 00	1,303 30
217	*New Holland...	1st & 3d Tuesday ...	1	37	.....	112 00	99 29
11	†Lancaster	2d & 4th Tuesday....	12	220	4	595 00	10,944 46
23	†Columbia.....	2d & 4th Friday.....	1	103	.....	130 00	2,127 56
76	†Marietta.....	1st & 3d Thursday...	.....	51	.....	74 00	1,306 73
217	†New Holland...	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	1	33	.....	80 00	473 20

* September 14th, 1875. † April 10th, 1876.

REMARKS.—This branch of the Order is not so flourishing as we might wish to see it. Initiations are rare in the county, no doubt on account of the stringency in the money market, yet, financially, there is a steady increase, which speaks well for the general health of the membership, there being less relief paid out for sickness.

Fraternally yours,

HENRY L. FRAILEY,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

LEHIGH COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
12	Allentown	1st & 3d Thursday...	*	172	6	$1180 00	$6152 09
117	Coopersburg..... ...	3d Thursday.....	2	85	1	....	2733 30
118	Fogelsville	1st & 3d Thursday...	2	39	1	236 00	1246 12
156	Catasauqua	2d & 4th Thursday..	2	47	.....	60 00	1419 04
231	Slatington	1st & 3d Monday.....	1	26	1	.....	391 68

* Regularly.

REMARKS.—In making this, my final report, I feel sorry that there has been a decrease in membership of twenty-three in this County during the past year. I have visited all the Encampments in this District, and find them (with one exception) working as near as possible up to all the requirements of this branch of the Order. No. 118 is very rusty in the working, but this is not the cause of not receiving instructions time and again. I understood they only had seven meetings during the last term, which is lack of interest on part of the officers. With this report, my duties as D. D. G. P. end. I take this occasion to thank the Grand Encampment Officers, and especially Grand Scribe J. B. Nicholson, for the many kindnesses shown me during the three years I had the honor of holding this office. Also, to the members of the different Encampments, for the courtesy and respect shown towards me and in the manner I was received; especially to the members of No. 117 and 156, and to the P. C. Ps. who assisted me at the installation of officers.

Yours fraternally,

F. D. BUSSE,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

LUZERNE COUNTY--MIDDLE DISTRICT.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
3	Wilkes Barre	1st & 3d Friday..	3	75	3	$105 00	$1451 64
96	Pittston.....	1st & 3d Wednesday	2	67	2	160 00	105 77
130	Wilkes Barre.	2d & 4th Friday.....	2	88	4	105 00	3083 44
145	Wilkes Barre.....	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	3	65	.....	23 00	690 62
214	Plains	2d & 4th Friday	2	46	2	50 00	336 50
250	Hanover Station ..	1st & 3d Wednesday	1	29	3	.....	2 46

REMARKS.—The Encampments in this District are working well. There is a small increase in membership, and I trust that when business shall return to former prosperity that there will be a larger increase of membership.

S. Y. KITTLE,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

LUZERNE COUNTY—NORTHERN DISTRICT.

No	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
16	Carbondale.....	1st & 3d Friday.....	2	60	3	$82 00	$272 51
18	Scranton.....	2d & 4th Monday.....	*	122	1	232 00	4600 08
124	Scranton.....	1st & 3d Monday.....	3	207	2	670 00	2329 54
176	Olyphant.....	2d & 4th Saturday...	2	60	.....	252 00	24 94
221	Hyde Park.....	2d & 4th Wednesday	2	83	.....	40 00	566 37
249	Hyde Park.....	2d & 4th Tuesday...	2	93	1	204 00	.....

* Every night.

REMARKS.--The Encampments in this jurisdiction are in as favorable a condition as could be expected, owing to the scarcity of money and little work for the laboring class.

Fraternally,

M. J. ANDREWS,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

LUZERNE COUNTY—SOUTHERN DISTRICT.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
67	Hazleton.....	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	*	124	11	.....	.....
233	Drifton.....	2d & 4th Friday.....	2	51	7	.....	.....
	Butler.....	1st & 3d Wednesday	1	64	.....	.....	.....

*My own Encampment.

REMARKS.—Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, it affords me pleasure in having the honor of making out this report for you, but am sorry to say I took the reports on a small paper and cannot find it yet. The Encampments are not in as healthy a condition as they should be. In installing officers of Butler Encampment, in September, 1875, I had to request them to hold another election, they having elected their officers for a second term. I referred them to the Digest of Subordinate Lodges, Section 2; the cause was for sickness; my reference was accepted.

Should I have the honor the second time I hope to do better.

JOHN P. ADAY,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

LUZERNE COUNTY—WESTERN DISTRICT.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
154	Plymouth	2d & 4th Friday	2	54	1	$88 00	$709 36
207	Lehman	1st & 3d Wednesday	*	25	1	25 00	452 45
230	Shickshinny	2d & 4th Wednesday	1	29	8		413 15

*Every evening.

REMARKS.—The Encampments in this District are holding their own, not advancing much, but the members seem to be in good spirits, with a prospect of more members, and are working in harmony and peace.

Fraternally yours,

J. O. IDE,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

MERCER COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Am'nt Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
199	Greenville	2d & 4th Thursday	2	40	.....	.....	$433 95
186	Sharon	2d & 4th Tuesday	2	51	.....	$30 00	741 86
95	Mercer	1st & 3d Thursday	*	24	3	30 00	140 93

*Often.

REMARKS.—The Encampments in this district are in a good working condition, but, owing to the hard times, are not on the increase. The Patriarchs are taking great interest in the work.

ROBERT G. PORTER,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

MONROE COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
161	Stroudsburg	Alternate Thursday	18	56	.....	$103 00	$643 81
247	Mountain Home	2d & 4th Wednesday	2	33	2	.....	524 56

REMARKS.--The Encampment branch in the district is progressing slowly, the meetings are tolerably well attended, and the Patriarchs in good spirits.

THEODORE SCHOCH,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

MONTOUR COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF EMETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
40	Danville	2d & 4th Wednesday	9	95	.....	$365 00	$2803 59

REMARKS.—Mnemoloton Encampment is doing well, considering financial matters, and as far as the work is concerned, is in good working order.

Fraternally yours,

J. SUEISFORT,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

PERRY COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations	Am'nt Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
100	Duncannon	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	*	53	. ....	$192 00	$555 40

* Twice a month.

REMARKS.—The membership has decreased in this District. Perry Encampment is working faithfully and in harmony, looking forward to a more prosperous time. I have granted a dispensation for advancement in office, and send the fee for the same.

I remain yours truly,

In Faith, Hope and Charity,

A. J. JONES,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
4	Pottsville.....	1st & 3d Wednesday	2	54	2	$130 00	$296 52
63	Schuylkill Haven.	2d & 4th Thursday..	1	38	.....	202 00	6 57
64	Minersville.....	1st & 3d Monday.....	1	49	1	48 00	46 11
132	Tamaqua.....	1st & 3d Wednesday	1	64	.....	257 50	499 10
134	Ashland	1st & 3d Friday.....	1	54	.....	256 00	745 00
166	Donaldson	1st & 3d Thursday...	1	42	.....	196 00	42 91
167	Tremont.....	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	1	44	.... .	91 00	234 50
172	Mahanoy City.....	2d & 4th Tuesday....	20	43	2	98 00	115 11
211	Pine Grove.....	2d & 4th Monday.....	1	35	. ....	170 50	41 65
220	St. Clair.....	1st & 3d Thursday...	1	42	.....	204 00	12 32

REMARKS.—The Encampments in my District, with the exception of No. 63, are in about the same condition, financially, that they were one year ago; the one mentioned above is still suffering from a constant drain on the funds for sick benefits. There has been a decrease of 48 in membership from last year, the cause of the decrease is that work has been very slack and wages low in this county for the last six months; that caused a great many to be suspended for non-payment of dues, otherwise this branch of the Order is in a healthy condition. No. 4 lost all their paraphernalia by fire since their officers were installed, but have got it fixed up again. And in conclusion allow me to return my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all the officers and Patriarchs in this county for the kind treatment that I have received from them when I visited them.

Fraternally,

AUGUSTUS WEBER,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

SNYDER COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Am'nt Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
134	Selins Grove.....	2d & 4th Monday.....	*	51	2	.....	$600 00

* Missed only a few meetings.

REMARKS.--Owing to financial matters there is not much doing in the way of increase of membership. Hope there will be a change soon for the better. All things considered, as a Camp, we are in reasonably good shape.

Yours in Friendship, Love and Truth,

C. B. MILLER,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
50	Montrose.....	2d and 4th Friday...	5	37	1	$120 00	$683 75
225	Susquehan'a Dep.	2d and 4th Tuesday.	2	62	1	201 50	508 16

REMARKS.--While the subordinate branch of our Order in this county appears to be prosperous and increasing rapidly in numbers, the Encampment branch seems to be at a stand still or nearly so. We have in our Lodges an abundance of the best material for Encampment members, and a strong desire to unite with us, but the long continued financial struggle and the great scarcity of money among those that wish to increase our numbers, prevents it for the present. But we are hoping for better times in the future.

A. N. BULLARD,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

UNION COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
157	Lewisburg.....	2d and 4th Tuesday.	*	27	1	$35 00	$393 63

* Regularly.

REMARKS.--Buffalo Valley Encampment, No. 157. has not increased very much during the past year, but its membership is good and substantial and all work harmoniously together. We expect to receive during the coming summer additions from both New Berlin and Mifflinburg Lodges, hoping thereby to increase our membership.

Fraternally yours,

S. P. KERSTETER,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

VENANGO COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
150	Franklin	1st & 3d Friday	4	38	2	.....	$190 96
182	Oil City	1st & 3d Thursday ...	*	29	.....	.....	235 31
203	Emlenton	2d & 4th Tuesday	4	42	.....	.....	14 83

* Regular.

REMARKS.--The Encampments are all in working order, though no increase worthy of noting. The prospect for membership is more encouraging in the coming term then the former. Franklin, No. 150, is doing well; Oil City, No. 182, is holding her own, a few faithful Patriarchs are always found in their places every meeting. Emlenton, No. 203, is not doing as well as the other Encampments in this District, owing to her membership being so scattered she cannot have a good attendance. We are trying to uniform a company of Patriarchs in this district; I think it will have a good effect on this branch of the Order.

Yours fraternally,

J. R. ROBERTSON,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

WARREN COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
98	Warren	2d & 4th Thursday..	15	42	1	$127 00	$151 07
291	Youngsville.....	1st & 3d Thursday...	.....	20	.....	.....	560 98
213	Tidioute.....	1st & 3d Tuesday....	.....	35	.....	20 00	633 38

REMARKS --I would not conceal the fact if I could, that the Encampment branch of Odd Fellowship is not flourishing in this District, neither is the prospect for the future at all encouraging. It would be far better, at least for this county, if the two branches were merged. Suffice it to say, I do not believe it possible for each county Lodge to support an Encampment, with any reasonable degree of success, from its own membership alone. Such, at least, is our experience, and such I fear it will continue to be.

Respectfully submitted,

R. K. RUSSELL,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amoun' of Funds.
224	East Bethlehem...	2d & 4th Tuesday....	*	35	4	.....	$98 56
20	Washington.....	2d & 4th Tuesday....	.....	23	4	....	73 22
175	Monongahela City	2d & 4th Tuesday....	.....	36	.....	$27 00	138 02

*Every evening.

REMARKS.--Although I have not visited either of the other Encampments in the District, I can confidentily say they are in a healthy condition. No. 20, heretofore the weakest, is now in fine working order. No. 224, is now firmly established, and although the youngest in the District, is second to none in point of the excellence of her work.

Fraternally yours,

E. H. GRIFFITH,

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

WAYNE COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Am'nt Pa for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
30	Honesdale.....	2d & 4th Friday.....	4	52	6	$30 00	.....
159	Hamlinton.....	2d & 4th Thursday..	*	75	4	87 00	$1432 82
219	Newfoundland.....	1st & 3d Saturday...	2	53	.....	57 00	150 39

* Often.

REMARKS.--Encampments under my charge are all in good condition. Owing to circumstances over which I have no control I have not visited the Encampments as much as I should have liked, but whenever I have done so I have been received with due respect, and my instructions have been listened to and followed; and, allowing me to be the judge, the Encampments are No. 1 in the unwritten work of the Order.

EDWIN E. BLAKE.

D. D. Grand Patriarch.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
141	Latrobe.....	2d & 4th Thursday..	3	16	1	$9 00	$283 86
143	Greensburg	1st & 3d Thursday...	20	33	.....	.....	549 21
162	Delmont	1st & 3d Saturday...	3	.....	.....	.....	.....
196	Irwin Station.....	2d & 4th Wednesday	2	29	.....	20 00	449 17

REMARKS.--Above is the annual report of the Encampments in my District.

All are doing well, considering the times, except Salem Encampment, 162, which has had but few meetings during the year.

I have visited all, and instructed them in the secret work of the Order, and can now say that the work is uniform in my District. When I first visited the Encampments I found but one could work well, the balance not working properly.

J. A. MARCHAND,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

WYOMING COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
204	Tunkhannock.....	1st & 3d Monday.....	*	26	6	....	$104 71
246	Factoryville.....	2d & 4th Thursday ..	2	40	14	.....	203 21

* Regular.

REMARKS.—In reporting the condition of the Encampments in this District, I am unable to make a very favorable report from No. 204, yet the few who attend are determined to hold the fort. I have granted one dispensation to No. 204, to exalt a Patriarch. No. 246 is in a flourishing condition and working well. The boys are of good material. Peace and harmony prevails.

Yours fraternally
J. F. SICKLER,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

YORK COUNTY.

No.	LOCATION.	NIGHTS OF MEETING.	How often Visited.	Members.	Initiations.	Amount Paid for Relief.	Amount of Funds.
14	York..... ...	1st & 3d Thursday...	1	161	. ....	$748 00	$7272 81
158	Hanover.....	1st & 3d Friday.....	1	59	1	507 00	76 00
245	Goldsboro..... ...	1st & 3d Tuesday.....	.....	24	1	....	31 71

REMARKS.--The Encampments in this District are working harmoniously and energetically. Nos. 158 and 245 are suffering from constant drains on the funds for sick benefits. They have now suspended the payment of the same.

CURTIS SANDERS,
D. D. Grand Patriarch.

Vote for Officers of the Right Worthy Grand Encampment.

No. of Encampt.	G. P.	G. H. P.	G. S. W.	G. S.	G. T.	G. J. W.		G. R.	
	Bertram.	Jones.	Lukens.	Nicholson.	Heiss.	Ruddach.	Kelchner.	Hickok.	Slack.
1	2	7	7	7	7	7	.....	7	.....
2	7	7	7	7	7	7	.....	.....	7
3	8	8	8	8	8	7	1	2	6
4	11	11	11	11	11	10	1	11	.....
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DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND PATRIARCHS,

FOR 1876—1877.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
R. D. Armor,	Gettysburg,	Adams.
Wm. C. Burtt,	Pittsburg,	Allegheny.
Chas. Silverman,	Apollo,	Armstrong.
James Q. Eakins,	Rochester,	Beaver.
John I. Noble,	Waterside,	Bedford.
Isaiah Hoyer,	Reading,	Berks.
J. M. Lantz,	Altoona,	Blair.
John J. Spalding,	Towanda,	Bradford.
Alfred Fackenthal,	Doylestown,	Bucks.
W. J. Welsh,	Saxonburg,	Butler.
John E. Fry,	Johnstown,	Cambria.
Wm. Curtis,	Summit Hill,	Carbon.
Wm. C. McCucheon,	Phillipsburg,	Centre.
J. William Batt,	Phœnixville,	Chester.
Chas. Kaufman,	Clarion,	Clarion.
A. M. Hills,	Clearfield,	Clearfield.
G. A. Miller,	Lock Haven,	Clinton.
Wm. Peacock,	Bloomsburg,	Columbia.
W. R. Weaver,	Titusville,	Crawford.
David N. Thomas,	Newville,	Cumberland.
Wm. Thomas,	Lykens,	Dauphin, Northern District.
Wm. F. Stevens,	Harrisburg,	Dauphin, Southern District.
Robt. Singleton,	Chester,	Delaware.
Wm. Tidman,	Erie,	Erie.
Jacob Graser.	Brownsville,	Fayette.
D. M. Eiker,	Chambersburg,	Franklin.
Robert Morris,	Waynesburg,	Greene.
Graffius Miller,	Huntingdon,	Huntingdon.

NAME.	POST OFFICE.	COUNTY.
M. H. Fails,	Blairsville,	Indiana.
Andrew Craig,	Brookville,	Jefferson.
Elihu Benner,	Thompsontown,	Juniata.
H. L. Frailey,	Lancaster,	Lancaster.
T. B. Bryson,	New Castle,	Lawrence.
J. D. Foesig,	Myerstown,	Lebanon.
F. D. Busse,	Allentown,	Lehigh.
M. J. Andrews,	Scranton,	Luzerne, Northern District.
S. Y. Kittle,	Wilkesbarre,	Luzerne, Middle District.
J. O. Ide,	Lehman,	Luzerne, Southern District.
John G. Adey,	Hazleton,	Luzerne, Western. District.
J. T. Long,	Williamsport,	Lycoming.
Robert G. Porter,	Mercer,	Mercer.
Theodore Schoch,	Stroudsburg,	Monroe.
Charles Foreman,	Norristown,	Montgomery.
J. Sueisfort,	Danville,	Montour.
Uriah Palmer,	Easton,	Northampton.
Emanuel Wilvert,	Sunbury,	Northumberland.
A. J. Jones,	Duncannon,	Perry.
Adam Etien,	Donaldson,	Schuylkill.
C. B. Miller,	Selinsgrove,	Snyder.
John H. Uhl,	Somerset,	Somerset.
Wm. H. Custis,	Susqueh'a Dep.,	Susquehanna.
Robert C. Simpson,	Wellsborough,	Tioga.
John W. Wensel,	Lewisburg,	Union.
R. H. Mitchell,	Oil City,	Venango.
H. P. Kinnear,	Youngsville,	Warren.
E. H. Griffith,	E. Bethlehem,	Washington.
E. E. Blake,	Hamlinton,	Wayne.
J. A. Marchand,	Greensburg,	Westmoreland.
J. F. Sickler,	Tunkhannock,	Wyoming.
W. H. Bange,	Hanover,	York.

ANNUAL REPORT

Of the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F., to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year commencing March 16, 1875, and ending March 16, 1876.

The Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania is composed of 3,496 members, and has under its jurisdiction 226 Encampments.

NAME.	No.	LOCATION.	COUNTY.	TIME OF MEETING.	Initiations.	Ad. by Card.	Re-instated.	Deceased.	W'n by Card	Suspended.	Expelled.	No. Membe's	Rejected.	No. P. C. P's	Pt'hs Relv'd	Wid Famil's Relieved.	Paid for Relief of Pt'chs	Paid for Relief of Wid'd Families.	Paid for Education of Orphans.	Burying the Dead.	Total Am'nt Relief Paid.	Amount of Receipts.
Philadelphia	1	6th & Cresson.	Philadelphia..	1st & 3d Monday	2	1	...	1	...	8	...	67	...	27	15	.....	$665 00	.....	.....	$75 00	$740 00	$891 26
Pittsburgh	2	Pittsburg	Allegheny	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	5	...	...	1	2	11	...	98	...	24	5	.....	84 00	.....	.....	50 00	131 00	506 78
Morning Star	3	Frankford	Philadelphia..	1st & 3d Wedn'y	17	...	...	...	...	3	...	126	...	32	27	.....	700 00	.....	.....	.....	700 00	788 54
Franklin	4	Pottsville	Schuylkill	"	2	1	2	...	2	8	1	54	...	25	7	1	154 00	$50 00	.....	.....	204 00	310 02
Lafayette	5	6th & Cresson.	Philadelphia..	1st & 3d Friday..	3	...	...	1	...	9	...	152	...	31	28	.....	921 00	.....	.....	75 00	996 00	1256 17
Mount Olive	6	3d and Brown	"	"	1	...	...	4	1	20	...	238	...	38	61	1	1693 00	7 50	.....	375 00	2075 50	1924 97
Walhalla, Ger	7	6th & Cresson.	"	1st & 3d Thurs'y	6	...	...	1	...	2	1	82	...	25	11	.....	364 00	.....	.....	50 00	414 00	729 20
Hebron	8	Reading	Berks	2d & last Friday.	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	297	...	41	82	3	1568 00	43 56	.....	250 00	1861 50	2082 18
Andrew Jackson	9	Manayunk	Philadelphia..	1st & 3d Thurs'y	...	...	...	3	...	2	...	83	...	39	16	.....	465 00	.....	.....	90 00	555 00	513 70
Dauphin	10	Harrisburg	Dauphin	1st & 3d Friday..	11	2	...	3	1	8	...	286	...	39	85	2	1600 00	4 00	.....	600 00	2204 00	4644 29
Washington	11	Lancaster.	Lancaster	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	11	...	1	3	...	9	...	217	1	36	30	.....	592 00	.....	.....	185 00	777 00	1779 74
Unity	12	Allentown	Lehigh	1st & 3d Thurs'y	7	...	...	2	...	4	...	177	...	35	25	.....	1230 00	.....	.....	50 00	1280 00	927 83
Olive Branch	13	Chambersb'rg	Franklin	2d & 4th Mond'y	2	...	...	1	1	8	...	75	...	24	8	1	66 00	5 00	.....	30 00	101 00	541 60
Mount Vernon	14	York	York	1st & 3d Thurs'y	3	...	...	2	...	3	2	169	...	31	37	2	639 00	210 00	4 00	90 00	973 00	1105 49
Lackawanna	16	Carbondale	Luzerne	1st & 3d Friday..	3	...	1	...	...	3	...	60	...	17	5	.....	97 00	.....	.....	15 00	112 00	344 65
Siloam	17	6th & Cresson.	Philadelphia..	2d & 4th Friday..	7	...	1	4	1	7	...	160	...	49	29	.....	1272 00	.....	.....	350 00	1622 00	2053 31
Mt. Horeb	18	Germantown	"	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	7	...	...	1	...	3	...	91	...	26	5	.....	115 00	.....	.....	30 00	145 00	492 95
Juniata	19	Port Royal	Juniata	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	4	...	1	2	...	6	...	28	...	11	1	.....	19 00	.....	.....	60 00	79 00	176 62
Shakespeare	20	Washington	Washington	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	7	...	1	...	1	3	...	22	...	5	2	.....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	24 00	49 00
Carbon	21	Manch Chunk	Carbon	1st & 3d Friday..	...	..	...	2	...	8	...	53	...	35	7	.....	66 00	.....	.....	60 00	126 00	379 28
Harris	22	6th & Cresson.	Philadelphia..	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	17	1	...	...	...	5	...	119	...	35	19	.....	426 00	.....	.....	.....	426 00	1382 55
Shawnee	23	Columbia	Lancaster	2d & 4th Friday..	6	...	...	1	...	1	...	103	...	26	7	.....	130 00	.....	.....	50 00	180 00	595 25
Mount Zion	21	3d bl. German.	Philadelphia	2d & 4th Mond'y	3	...	...	3	1	1	1	202	...	36	38	1	1198 00	10 00	.....	160 00	1368 00	1011 49
United Brothers	26	3d and Brown	"	"	2	...	...	6	1	17	1	272	...	48	61	.....	1710 00	.....	.....	325 00	2035 00	1789 07
Clinton	27	Lock Haven	Clinton	"	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	20	...	10	1	.....	2 00	.....	.....	.....	2 00	40 35
Wildey,	29	Mechanicsb'g.	Cumberland	2d & 4th Friday..	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	33	...	17	2	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	213 70
Lackawaxen	30	Honesdale	Wayne	"	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	49	...	4	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	233 00

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Delaware Co.....	32	Glen Riddle...	Delaware.....	2d & 4th Satur'y	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	40	...	23	11	.....	$143 00	.....	.....	.....	$143 00	$256 96
Howard.....	33	6th & Cresson	Philadelphia..	2d & 4th Monday	2	...	...	2	1	5	...	88	...	23	17	1	895 00	$2 00	.....	$57 50	984 50	825 18
Valley	34	Shippensburg	Cumberland...	1st & 3d Friday..	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	41	...	18	5	.....	115 00	.....	.....	.....	115 00	244 65
Doylestown.....	35	Doylestown ...	Bucks.....	1st & 3d Thursd.	6	...	...	...	...	6	...	62	1	13	5	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	35 00	423 27
Fredonia.....	36	6th & Cresson.	Philadelphia..	2d & 4th Thursd.	11	...	...	8	1	1	...	302	...	40	43	3	1975 00	89 00	.....	950 00	3014 00	3383 84
Norristown.....	37	Norristown ...	Montgomery..	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	12	...	1	5	...	4	...	185	...	42	45	.....	1460 00	.....	.....	250 00	1310 00	2560 23
Apollo.....	38	6th & Cresson	Philadelphia..	2d & 4th Wedn'y	11	...	2	3	...	8	...	175	...	27	32	.....	1180 00	.....	.....	265 00	1445 00	1534 27
Outalissa.....	39	Wilkesbarre...	Luzerne.....	1st & 3d Friday..	21	1	...	1	15	4	...	75	...	20	4	.....	86 50	.....	.....	.....	86 50	749 75
Mnemoloton.....	40	Danville.....	Montour.....	2d & 4th Wedn'y	...	...	...	...	...	10	...	96	...	27	14	.....	215 00	.....	.....	.....	215 00	776 16
Bradford.....	41	Towanda.....	Bradford.....	" "	5	...	...	1	...	...	...	69	...	6	8	.....	72 33	.....	.....	40 00	112 33	301 49
Heneosis Adel..	42	Erie.....	Erie	1st & 3d Wedn'y	7	....	1	1	...	14	...	75	...	13	2	.....	155 00	.....	.....	.....	155 00	523 93
Reading	43	Reading.....	Berks.....	1st & 3d Friday..	1	1	...	2	1	10	...	284	1	31	78	1	1740 29	59 06	.....	200 00	1999 35	2032 97
Ashland	45	6th & Cresson.	Philadelphia..	1st & 3d Mond'y	2	1	1	2	1	25	...	353	...	38	52	.....	2368 00	.....	.....	257 45	2625 45	3516 99
National.....	47	Broad S. Gard.	"	1st & 3d Wedn'y	3	...	...	2	...	1	...	156	...	38	27	.....	1025 00	.....	.....	190 00	1215 00	1416 73
Jefferson, Ger....	48	3d and Brown	"	2d & 4th Friday.	8	1	...	2	...	5	1	131	...	33	21	.....	743 00	.....	.....	60 00	803 00	818 16
Mt. Carmel.....	49	54th & Media..	"	2d & 4th Wedn'y	18	53	...	....	...	...	...	71	...	5	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	787 64
St. John.....	50	Montrose.....	Susquehanna.	2d & 4th Friday.	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	36	...	16	2	.....	52 00	.....	.....	.....	52 00	157 61
Palestine	51	6th & Cresson.	Philadelphia .	1st & 3d Wedn'y	1	1	...	4	...	3	...	200	...	36	27	3	1528 00	13 00	.....	200 00	1741 00	2032 06
Paradise	53	20th bel. Pine..	"	2d & 4th Satur'y	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	53	...	14	9	.....	184 00	.....	.....	20 00	204 00	315 12
General Taylor..	54	Darby.....	Delaware.....	2d & 4th Wedn'y	...	...	...	...	...	7	...	24	...	15	3	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	119 68
Jordan.....	55	6th & Cresson.	Philadelphia..	2d & 4th Satur'y	8	...	...	2	1	4	...	140	...	37	18	.....	694 00	.....	.....	50 00	744 00	1035 05
Olive.....	56	Harrisburg.....	Dauphin.....	1st & 3d Wedn'y	11	...	3	1	...	3	...	159	...	28	43	.....	820 00	.....	.....	200 00	1020 00	1019 66
Jerusalem.....	58	3d and Brown.	Philadelphia..	2d & 4th Thurs'y	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	....	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Susquehanna....	60	Shamokin.....	Northumbrl'd	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	2	...	6	2	...	25	...	16	...	1.	2	.....	55 00	.....	.....	.....	55 00	140 00
Maniton.....	62	Norris & Sepv	Philadelphia..	2d & 4th Friday.	7	...	...	...	...	11	...	67	...	11	6	.....	65 00	.....	.....	.....	65 00	535 56
Mount Nebo.....	63	Schuylk'l Hav	Schuylkill.....	2d & 4th Thurs'y	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	45	...	22	12	.....	342 00	.....	.....	60 00	402 00	414 84
Friendship.....	64	Minersville.....	"	1st & 3d Mond'y	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	53	...	23	4	.....	37 00	.....	.....	40 00	77 00	175 53
Harmony.....	65	How.&Susque	Philadelphia..	2d & 4th Satur'y	2	...	...	1	...	4	...	90	...	28	14	.....	186 00	.....	.....	50 00	236 00	577 22
Roxborough.....	66	Roxborough...	"	1st & 3d Wedn'y	2	...	1	2	...	3	...	52	...	25	17	.....	604 00	.....	.....	160 00	664 00	601 10
Beaver.....	67	Hazleton.....	Luzerne.....	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	2	...	...	3	...	2	...	137	...	25	22	.....	625 00	.....	.....	200 00	825 00	765 54
Mt. Libanus	68	Lebanon.....	Lebanon.....	2d & 4th Mond'y	2	...	...	1	...	7	...	105	...	28	11	.....	248 00	.....	.....	110 00	358 00	938 23
Apalachian.....	69	Hollidaysbu'g	Blair.....	1st & 3d Friday..	2	...	...	...	1	6	...	78	...	22	3	.....	53 00	.....	.....	.....	53 00	309 29
Red StoneOld Ft	70	Brownsville...	Fayette	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	4	...	1	...	...	13	...	65	...	22	6	.....	150 00	.....	.....	50 00	200 00	672 20
Widows' Friend	71	Waynesboro...	Franklin.....	2d & 4th Thursd	...	...	...	...	..	5	...	20	...	8	3	.....	8 00	.....	.....	.....	8 00	65 15
Bellefonte	72	Bellefonte	Centre.....	2d & 4th Mond'y	3	...	...	1	1	12	...	45	...	11	1	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	6 00	127 20
Marietta.....	76	Marietta.....	Lancaster.....	1st & 3d Thurs'y	4	...	...	1	...	...	...	63	...	17	10	1	150 00	5 00	.....	.....	155 00	303 03
Curtis.....	77	Richboro'.....	Bucks	2d & 4th Mond'y	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	31	...	17	2	.....	90 00	.....	.....	20 00	110 00	212 89

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Wellsboro'	78	Wellsboro'	Tioga	1st & 3d Mond'y	10	...	...	...	...	1	...	31	...	6	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$228 39
Phœnix	79	Phœnixville. .	Chester	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	32	...	20	2	.....	$12 00	.....	.....	.....	$12 00	168 43
Fayette	80	Uniontown	Fayette	2d & 4th Thurs'y	..	...	...	1	...	...	...	28	...	11	1	.....	18 00	.....	.....	$30 00	48 00	210 40
Scrantonia	81	Scranton	Luzerne	2d & 4th Mond'y.	5	...	1	1	4	7	2	125	...	23	22	.....	436 00	.....	.....	90 00	526 00	993 16
Olympus	82	Meadville	Crawford	2d & 4th Thurs'y	4	1	...	...	...	5	1	115	...	21	19	1	322 00	$5 00	.....	75 00	402 00	670 17
Logan	83	37th & Market	Philadelphia..	"	9	...	...	2	6	3	...	101	...	30	21	1	505 05	10 00	.....	100 00	615 05	1069 37
Centre Square	84	North Wales..	Montgomery..	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	7	1	2	...	1	1	...	40	...	11	2	.....	16 00	.....	.....	.....	16 00	216 12
Excelsior	85	Pottstown	"	2d & 4th Satur'y	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	62	...	20	6	.....	208 00	.....	.....	.....	208 00	342 60
Lawrence	86	New Castle	Lawrence	Alt. Thursdays..	6	...	...	...	...	15	1	1 3	...	22	11	.....	145 00	.....	.....	.....	115 00	434 75
Mercantile, Ger.	87	Pittsburg..	Allegheny	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	53	...	13	11	1	155 00	7 00	.....	.....	162 00	243 11
Chosen Friends	88	Coatesville	Chester	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	1	...	...	...	...	8	...	35	...	18	8	.....	210 09	.....	.....	.....	210 00	497 38
Clarion	90	Clarion	Clarion	2d & 4th Mond'y	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	51	...	17	8	1	132 00	2 00	.....	15 00	149 00	233 75
General Marion	91	Sugartown	Chester	1st & 3d Wedn'y	1	...	...	..	..	...	...	26	...	16	4	.....	24 00	.....	.....	.....	24 00	71 35
Big Spring	92	Newville	Cumberland	1st & 3d Friday..	8	...	...	...	...	4	...	32	...	11	5	.....	19 00	.....	.....	.....	19 00	172 49
Mount Ararat	93	Holmesburg	Philadelphia..	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	2	1	...	2	...	4	...	65	...	7	7	1	260 00	2 00	.....	80 00	342 00	701 33
Flourtown	94	Flourtown	Montgomery..	2d & 4th Wedn'y	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	47	...	26	3	.....	120 00	.....	.....	50 00	170 00	316 54
Shenandoah	95	Mercer	Mercer	1st & 3d Thurs'y	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	22	...	2	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	201 95
Gahonta	96	Pittston	Luzerne	1st & 3d Wedn'y	1	...	...	1	1	4	...	69	...	20	9	.....	349 77	.....	.....	50 00	399 77	402 00
Kossuth	98	Warren	Warren	2d & 4th Thurs'y	2	...	...	2	1	5	...	43	...	18	3	.....	133 00	.....	.....	.....	133 00	228 28
Chester	99	Chester..	Delaware	"	27	1	...	1	...	4	...	99	...	2	9	.....	96 00	.....	.....	50 00	146 00	669 29
Perry	100	Duncannon	Perry	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	2	...	...	...	...	2	...	56	...	20	17	.....	122 00	.....	.....	.....	122 00	281 10
Allegheny	101	Allegheny C'y	Allegheny.	1st & 3d Wedn'y	5	...	1	...	1	21	...	127	...	25	9	.....	322 00	.....	.....	.....	322 00	684 37
William Pitt	104	Penn'gtonv'e	Chester	2d & 4th Thurs'y	6	...	...	...	...	4	...	27	...	8	5	.....	144 00	.....	.....	35 00	179 00	177 15
Coaquanock	105	6th & Cresson.	Philadelphia..	1st & 3d Satur'y	8	1	..	...	...	3	...	58	1	10	1	.....	16 00	.....	.....	25 00	41 00	553 88
Hamburg	106	Hamburg	Berks	1st & 3d Friday..	3	...	...	...	...	6	...	53	...	19	6	.....	184 00	.....	.....	.....	184 00	293 81
Birmingham	107	Pittsburg S. S.	Allegheny.	2d & 4th Satur'y	...	...	1	...	...	7	...	61	...	20	4	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	601 78
Mount Pisgah	108	Oxford	Chester	No Report.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monongahela	109	Elizabeth	Allegheny	1st & 3d Friday.	4	...	...	...	...	10	...	66	...	14	3	.....	16 00	.....	.....	20 00	36 00	299 43
Pennsylvania	111	Broad S. G'dn	Philadelphia..	2d & 4th Satur'y	2	...	1	...	...	6	...	137	...	33	33	.....	1300 00	.....	.....	.....	1300 00	1021 20
Somerset	113	Somerset	Somerset	1st & 3d Friday..	2	2	1	...	...	...	...	41	...	8	3	.....	12 00	.....	.....	.....	12 00	190 91
Peace Branch	114	Bedford	Bedford	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	50	...	18	8	.....	189 00	.....	.....	15 00	204 00	291 28
Montgomery	115	Ardmore	Montgomery..	1st & 3d Mond'y	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	28	...	21	4	.....	30 00	.....	.....	.....	30 00	71 10
Har'on Graham	116	Rochester	Beaver	1st & 3d Thurs'y	1	...	...	...	..	12	...	61	...	19	4	.....	155 00	.....	.....	.....	155 00	378 12
Saucana	117	Coopersburg ..	Lehigh	3d Thursday	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	92	...	8	2	.....	13 00	.....	.....	.....	13 00	472 12
Lehigh	118	Fogelsville	"	1st & 3d Thurs'y	2	...	...	1	...	2	...	11	...	13	10	.....	131 00	.....	.....	.....	131 00	212 25
Waynesburg	119	Waynesburg..	Greene	1st & 3d Friday..	3	...	1	...	...	6	...	35	...	11	3	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	151 34
Freeman	121	Linwood	Delaware	2d & 4th Wedn'y	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	41	...	27	5	.....	42 00	.....	.....	.....	42 00	213 91
Kutztown	123	Long Swamp..	Berks	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	6	...	...	...	...	7	...	53	...	12	7	.....	110 00	.....	.....	.....	110 00	289 94

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Armin, Ger.....	124	Scranton.....	Luzerne.....	1st & 3d Mond'y	1	...	...	3	...	7	1	213	...	27	60	2	1331 44	$21 00	$60 00	150 00	1562 44	1296 41
R.A.Lamberton	125	Pittsburg.....	Allegheny.....	1st & 3d Thurs'y	3	...	...	1	2	...	...	52	...	14	4	.....	106 00	.....	.....	.....	106 00	223 67
Union.....	126	Gettysburg.....	Adams.....	1st & 3d Mond'y	2	...	...	...	...	4	...	73	...	24	16	.....	147 00	.....	.....	.....	147 00	461 85
Wm. F. Packer..	127	Johnstown.....	Cambria...	1st & 3d Mond'y	3	...	...	...	...	3	...	70	...	24	6	.....	92 00	.....	.....	.....	92 00	449 60
Honeybrook.....	128	Honeybrook ..	Chester	1st & 3d Thurs'y	5	1	...	...	...	1	...	50	...	10	11	.....	89 00	.....	.....	30 00	119 00	263 38
Altoona	129	Altoona.	Blair.....	2d & 4th Thurs'y	11	...	...	...	2	11	...	98	2	20	9	.....	164 00	.....	.....	.....	164 00	586 40
Aurora, Ger.....	130	Wilkesbarre...	Luzerne.....	2d & 4th Friday	10	...	...	5	1	4	...	87	...	24	7	.....	510 00	.....	.....	200 00	800 00	931 07
Frankford	131	Frankford.....	Philadelphia..	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	6	...	...	3	...	3	...	82	...	35	9	.....	240 00	.....	.....	140 00	380 00	550 66
Scott.....	132	Tamaqua.....	Schuylkill.....	1st & 3d Wedn'y	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	69	...	21	11	1	220 00	15 00	.....	.....	235 00	523 37
Shekinah	134	Ashland.....	Schuylkill	1st & 3d Friday..	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	72	...	18	7	.....	344 00	.....	.....	40 00	384 00	249 90
Perseverance	135	Germantown.	Philadelphia..	1st & 3d Thurs'y	3	...	...	1	...	2	...	89	...	18	15	.....	105 00	.....	.....	50 00	155 00	950 63
West Branch.....	136	Williamsport.	Lycoming	1st & 3d Friday..	2	...	...	2	...	6	...	74	...	21	4	1	196 00	50 00	.....	25 00	271 00	448 70
Eureka.	137	Halifax.....	Dauphin.....	1st & 3d Mond'y	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	38	...	11	8	.....	66 00	.....	.....	50 00	116 00	207 68
Valley Union....	138	Easton.....	Northampton	1st & 3d Friday..	1	...	...	1	...	10	...	100	...	15	18	.....	252 00	.....	.....	.....	252 00	595 33
Star.....	139	Bethlehem.....	"	2d & 4th Satur'y	5	...	1	1	...	8	1	102	...	16	26	.....	715 00	.....	.....	50 00	765 00	717 05
Fort Augusta.....	140	Sunbury.....	Northumbl'd..	1st & 3d Mond'y	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	68	...	15	10	.....	254 00	.....	.....	.....	254 00	339 05
Shallum	141	Latrobe.....	Westmorel'nd	2d & 4th Mond'y	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	15	...	10	1	.....	9 00	.....	.....	.....	9 00	80 65
Lincoln.....	142	York Springs..	Adams.....	" "	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	34	...	14	5	.....	40 00	.....	.....	.....	40 00	164 83
Greensburg.....	143	Greensburg....	Westmorel'nd	1st & 3d Thurs'y	10	2	...	...	...	3	...	34	...	6	1	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	5 00	452 19
Uncas.....	144	Lebanon.....	Lebanon.....	1st & 3d Mond'y	1	...	...	1	...	5	1	110	...	22	12	.....	175 00	.....	.....	60 00	235 00	336 37
Vulcan.....	145	Wilkesbarre...	Luzerne.....	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	3	...	1	...	1	2	...	65	...	17	1	.....	12 00	.....	.....	15 00	27 00	358 75
Naomi.....	146	3d bl. German	Philadelphia ..	1st & 3d Mond'y	4	...	...	1	1	7	...	102	...	26	10	.....	244 00	.....	.....	50 00	294 00	612 65
Yohogany	147	M'Keesport.....	Allegheny.....	2d & 4th Mond'y	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	90	...	17	9	.....	100 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	276 60
F. M. Rea.....	148	Temp'ncev'lle	"	1st & 3d Mond'y	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	84	...	16	11	1	290 00	5 00	.....	150 00	445 60	423 07
Myerstown.....	149	Myerstown.....	Lebanon.....	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	1	...	...	1	...	3	...	81	...	16	7	6	69 00	168 00	.....	40 00	277 00	743 68
Venango..	150	Franklin.....	Venango.	1st & 3d Friday.	18	1	1	...	...	1	...	35	...	7	1	.....	10 00	.....	.....	.....	10 00	164 20
Evergreen.....	151	New Brighton	Beaver.....	1st & 3d Satur'y.	7	...	...	1	...	6	...	58	...	14	4	.....	45 00	.....	.....	40 00	85 00	460 30
Mount Penn.....	152	Reading	Berks.....	1st & 3d Friday..	21	1	...	1	...	11	...	65	...	8	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	40 00	40 00	373 80
Enterprise.....	153	Blossburg.....	Tioga.....	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	...	...	1	...	...	21	...	94	...	13	12	.....	355 00	.....	.....	.....	355 00	476 41
Plymouth.....	154	Plymouth	Luzerne.....	2d & 4th Friday	3	...	...	1	...	5	...	65	...	13	4	.....	97 00	.....	.....	20 00	117 00	372 38
Robert Blum....	155	Pittsburg S. S.	Allegheny.....	2d & 4th Wedn'y	...	...	...	2	1	2	...	66	...	22	9	.....	163 10	.....	.....	51 00	214 10	279 34
Fraternity.....	156	Catasauqua....	Lehigh.....	2d & 4th Thurs'y	2	...	...	...	...	8	...	52	...	13	7	.....	170 00	.....	.....	.....	170 00	462 05
Buffalo Valley .	157	Lewisburg.....	Union.....	2d & 4th Tues'y.	1	1	...	1	...	4	...	29	...	12	3	1	35 00	5 00	.....	.....	40 00	161 90
Eagle.....	158	Hanover	York.....	1st & 3d Friday..	...	...	...	3	...	5	...	58	...	13	14	.....	311 0	.....	.....	189 00	500 00	535 51
Wayne....	159	Hamlinton.....	Wayne.....	2d & 4th Tues'y.	6	...	...	1	1	...	...	86	...	14	2	.....	21 00	.....	.....	.....	21 00	406 91
Pilgrims.....	160	Milton.....	Northumbl'd..	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	...	...	...	1	...	5	...	56	...	16	5	.....	116 00	.....	.....	90 00	206 00	575 43
Monroe.....	161	Stroudsburg....	Monroe.....	Alt. Thursdays..	3	...	...	...	...	1	...	58	...	10	6	.....	210 00	.....	.....	.....	210 00	195 16

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Salem	162	Delmont	Westmor'l'nd	1st & 3d Satur'y.	...	...	...	...	1	5	...	27	...	11	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	70 51
Dexter	163	Renovo	Clinton	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	5	...	...	...	...	18	...	29	...	11	10	.....	$138 00	.....	.....	.....	$138 00	189 22
Wm. Curtis	161	Selin's Grove	Snyder	2d & 4th Mond'y	3	1	...	...	...	4	...	55	...	15	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	189 40
Arsenal	165	Pittsburg	Allegheny	1st & 3d Thurs'y	...	...	...	2	3	20	...	42	...	6	2	.....	90 00	.....	.....	.....	90 00	172 17
Concord	166	Donaldson	Schuylkill	"	5	...	...	...	...	2	...	45	...	12	1	.....	87 00	.....	.....	.....	87 00	208 54
TremontUn'n	167	Tremont	"	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	...	1	...	...	1	3	...	45	...	11	2	.....	77 00	.....	.....	.....	77 00	232 93
Arcturus	168	Blairsville	Indiana	1st & 3d Thurs'y	...	1	...	1	...	5	...	42	...	9	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 33
Marble Hall	169	Barren Hill	Montgomery	1st & 3d Satur'y	...	...	...	2	...	1	...	81	...	15	7	.....	400 00	.....	.....	100 00	500 00	586 99
Fountain	170	Summit Hill	Carbon	2d & 4th Friday.	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	49	...	15	10	.....	172 00	.....	.....	20 00	192 00	228 35
Patriarch	171	Middletown	Dauphin	1st & 3d Satur'y	...	...	...	...	...	4	...	32	...	8	1	.....	12 00	.....	.....	25 00	37 00	59 48
Clay	172	Mahanoy City	Schuylkill	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	2	...	...	...	1	4	...	47	...	11	8	.....	72 00	.....	.....	.....	72 00	255 60
Moshannon	173	Phillipsburg	Centre	1st & 3d Wedn'y	1	...	...	...	...	1	1	49	...	12	2	.....	24 00	.....	.....	.....	24 00	77 64
Parkinson F'y	175	Monong'la Cy	Washington	2d & 4th Mond'y	1	...	...	...	...	10	...	36	...	6	4	.....	136 00	.....	.....	15 00	151 00	168 28
Colfax	176	Olyphant	Luzerne	2d & 4th Satur'y	3	...	...	1	...	2	...	70	...	11	11	.....	392 00	.....	.....	60 00	452 00	525 85
Laurel	177	Dauphin	Dauphin	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	...	...	...	...	...	9	...	22	...	12	4	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	88 55
Mount Hor	180	Huntingdon	Huntingdon	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	1	...	...	...	...	9	...	56	...	12	3	.....	48 00	.....	.....	.....	48 00	171 15
Wiconisco	181	Lykens	Dauphin	1st & 3d Wedn'y	1	...	...	...	...	7	...	59	...	12	6	.....	130 00	.....	.....	.....	130 00	304 29
Oil City	182	Oil City	Venango	"	1	...	2	...	...	8	...	30	...	9	2	.....	33 00	.....	.....	15 00	48 00	208 24
Carlisle	183	Carlisle	Cumberland	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	1	...	...	...	...	8	...	37	...	13	3	.....	103 50	.....	.....	.....	103 50	227 60
Canton	184	Canton	Bradford	2d & 4th Thurs'y	2	2	1	1	...	5	...	50	...	10	3	.....	103 00	.....	.....	30 00	133 00	188 23
Falls of Sch'll	185	Falls of Sch'll	Philadelphia	Alt. Tuesdays	...	...	...	...	...	5	...	55	...	15	13	.....	235 00	.....	.....	.....	235 00	313 71
Shenango	186	Sharon	Mercer	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	1	8	1	...	...	4	1	51	...	10	7	.....	84 00	.....	.....	20 00	104 00	292 75
J.B.Nicholson	187	Tarentum	Allegheny	1st & 3d Thurs'y	1	...	2	...	...	1	...	50	...	9	4	1	25 00	2 00	.....	20 00	47 00	247 10
Gen. Worth	188	Connellsville	Fayette	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	1	...	...	...	1	6	...	45	...	12	2	.....	7 00	.....	.....	.....	7 00	164 18
Ablington	189	Jenkintown	Montgomery	2d & 4th Wedn'y	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	31	...	7	1	1	5 00	10 00	.....	.....	15 00	157 67
Birdsboro'	190	Birdsboro'	Berks.	1st & 3d Friday.	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	29	...	9	5	.....	88 00	.....	.....	.....	88 00	114 60
Zion	191	Coalmont	Huntingdon	2d & 4th Thurs'y	...	6	1	...	2	9	...	47	...	11	5	1	50 00	10 00	.....	.....	60 00	225 65
Kiskiminetas	192	Apollo	Armstrong	4th Mond'y	1	...	...	...	...	6	...	28	...	9	2	.....	39 00	.....	.....	.....	39 00	113 85
Butler	193	Drums	Luzerne	1st & 3d Wedn'y	4	...	...	...	...	7	...	66	...	10	10	.....	216 00	.....	.....	.....	216 00	325 15
Manchester	194	Allegh'y City	Allegheny	"	3	1	2	...	2	8	...	53	...	11	6	.....	38 50	.....	.....	50 00	88 50	241 96
Freeport	195	Freeport	Armstrong	2d & 4th Thurs'y	1	...	...	...	...	4	...	27	...	11	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	85 18
Irwin	196	Irwin's Stat'n	Westmorel'nd	2d & 4th Wedn'y	...	1	...	...	...	8	...	33	...	8	3	.....	18 00	.....	.....	.....	18 00	136 99
Trinick	197	Hellertown	Northampton	Revived.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Liberty	198	Pittsburg	Allegheny	1st & 3d Friday.	2	...	...	...	...	16	...	39	...	9	6	.....	91 15	.....	.....	17 55	108 70	160 20
Guardian	199	Greenville	Mercer	2d & 4th Thurs'y	1	...	...	...	1	5	...	41	...	9	1	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	.....

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C. N. Hickok	200	Woodbury	Bedford	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	3	1	...	1	2	5	...	39	...	9	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	$199 90
Youngsville	201	Youngsville	Warren	1st & 3d Thurs'y	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	...	8	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28 76
Brookville	202	Brookville	Jefferson	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	41	...	9	2	.....	$55 00	.....	.....	.....	$55 00	173 38
Emlenton	203	Emlenton	Venango	"	3	...	...	...	...	18	...	39	...	6	3	.....	110 00	.....	.....	.....	110 00	185 98
Tunkhannock	204	Tunkhanno'k	Wyoming	1st & 3d Monday	7	...	...	...	...	2	...	25	...	7	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	161 05
Meshoppen	205	Meshoppen	Wyoming	1st & 3d Tuesday	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Olivia	206	Everett	Bedford	2d & 4th Tues'y.	4	...	...	...	...	4	...	60	...	10	5	.....	75 50	.....	.....	.....	75 50	322 00
Oneida	207	Lehman	Luzerne	1st & 3d Wedn'y	...	...	1	...	...	10	...	24	...	9	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 35
Bloom	208	Bloomsburg	Columbia	2d & 4th Wedn'y	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	...	10	4	.....	184 00	.....	.....	.....	184 00	198 85
Conshohocken	209	Conshohock'n	Montgomery	2d & 4th Mond'y	2	...	...	...	...	1	...	48	...	9	15	.....	245 00	.....	.....	$30 00	275 00	339 75
Ebensburg	210	Ebensburg	Cambria	2d & 4th Frid'y.	3	...	...	...	1	1	...	39	...	9	2	.....	5 00	.....	.....	15 00	20 00	225 39
Pine Grove	211	Pine Grove	Schuylkill	2d & 4th Mond'y	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	36	...	9	2	.....	14 00	.....	.....	75 00	89 00	202 35
West Elizabeth	212	W. Elizabeth	Allegheny	2d & 4th Friday.	4	...	1	...	...	2	...	50	..	11	4	.....	104 00	.....	.....	.....	104 00	253 35
Home	213	Tidioute	Warren	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	1	...	...	...	...	6	...	43	...	8	1	.....	20 00	.....	.....	.....	20 00	185 04
Star of America	214	Plains	Luzerne	2d & 4th Friday.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44	...	6	3	.....	35 00	.....	.....	50 00	85 00	241 85
Lone Star	215	Boston	Allegheny	2d & 4th Thurs'y	4	...	...	...	...	16	...	32	...	6	1	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	143 11
Stone Church	216	Stone Church	Northampton	2d & 4th Mond'y	2	...	...	1	...	10	...	39	...	7	4	.....	40 00	.....	.....	40 00	80 00	197 11
Earl	217	New Holland	Lancaster	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	37	...	7	9	.....	189 00	.....	.....	.....	189 00	177 35
Germania (Ger.)	218	Allegh'y City	Allegheny	2d & 4th Wedn'y	4	...	...	...	...	3	...	53	...	8	7	.....	68 00	.....	.....	.....	68 00	327 00
Newfoundland	219	Newfoundla'd	Wayne	1st & 3d Thurs'y	1	...	...	...	...	21	...	51	1	6	9	.....	66 00	.....	.....	.....	66 00	150 01
Seitzinger	220	St. Clair	Schuylkill	"	1	...	...	1	...	2	...	42	...	7	6	.....	52 00	.....	.....	20 00	72 00	214 15
Park Hill	221	Hyde Park	Luzerne	2d & 4th Wedn'y	...	...	...	2	...	14	...	86	...	8	8	.....	192 00	.....	.....	80 00	272 00	496 01
Armstrong	222	Parker City	Armstrong	1st & 3d Wedn'y	6	...	...	1	...	...	...	80	...	8	1	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	15 00	293 95
Hulmeville	223	Hulmeville	Bucks	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	1	1	...	...	...	6	...	28	...	7	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	195 86
Centreville	224	E. Bethlehem	Washington	2d & 4th Tues'y.	8	...	...	...	...	1	...	35	...	6	1	.....	35 00	.....	.....	.....	35 00	174 73
Canawacta	225	Susque. Depot	Susquehanna	"	8	...	1	...	...	1	...	62	...	5	7	.....	372 00	.....	.....	15 00	387 00	389 40
Petrolia	226	Titusville	Crawford	"	2	...	...	1	...	...	...	25	...	6	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	86 25
Mansfield	227	Mansfield	Tioga	No Report.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Gratz	228	Gratz	Dauphin	2d & 4th Wedn'y	4	...	...	1	...	6	...	27	...	7	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	162 40
Brady	229	Cunningham	Clarion	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	1	...	...	...	...	3	...	33	...	7	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	125 40
Shickshinny	230	Shickshinny	Luzerne	2d & 4th Wedn'y	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	20	...	4	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	45 07
Slatington	231	Slatington	Lehigh	1st & 3d Mond'y	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	27	...	5	1	.....	4 00	.....	.....	.....	4 00	136 70
Clearfield	232	Clearfield	Clearfield	1st & 3d Friday	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	26	...	6	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103 88
Drifton	233	Jeddo	Luzerne	2d & 4th Friday	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	44	...	5	14	.....	160 00	.....	.....	50 00	210 00	271 86
Pennsburg	234	Pennsburg	Montgomery	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	4	1	...	3	...	7	...	28	...	4	1	.....	25 00	.....	.....	.....	25 00	181 95
Ilion	235	Troy	Bradford	1st & 3d Mond'y	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	25	...	4	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	100 25

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Rich Hill	236	Wind Ridge	Greene	1st & 3d Wed'y	1							18		3	2		$13 00				$13 00	53 10
Saxonia	237	Saxonburg	Butler	2d & 4th Friday.	5							31		3	—		2 00				2 00	102 60
Clement	238	Butler	Butler	1st & 3d Friday.	2							26		4	2		16 00				16 00	106 25
McMaster	239	Turtle Creek	Allegheny	1st & 3d Monday	2				1	3		27		5	—		55 00			$25 00	80 00	185 23
West Freedom	240	West Freedom	Clarion	2d & 4th Wed'y	4					3		22		4	4		12 00				12 00	255 45
Corry	241	Corry	Erie	2d & 4th Thurs'y	3					3		31		7	3		5 00				5 00	197 50
Mount Pleasant	242	Mount Airy	Philadelphia	1st & 3d Tuesd'y	3		1			2		26		4	1		12 00				12 00	326 02
Maple Grove	243	Bellevernon	Fayette	2d & 4th Tuesd'y	4							33		3	—							463 96
Echo	244	Kittanning	Armstrong	"	1					2		11		3	—							161 08
Riverside	245	Ellers	York	1st & 3d Tuesd'y								21		4	—							417 87
Factoryville	246	Factoryville	Wyoming	2d & 4th Thurs'y	6					2		35		4	—					50 00	50 00	244 80
Mountain Home	247	Mount. Home	Monroe	2d & 4th Wed'y	5					5		31		1	—		12 00				12 00	191 99
Nineveh	248	Union City	Erie	2d & 4th Friday.	5							36		2	1		192 00				192 00	241 97
Hyde Park	249	Hyde Park	Luzerne	2d & 4th Tuesdy	55	37						92		3	6							803 10
Warrior	250	Askham	"	1st & 3d Wed'y	10	16						26		1	—							130 75
Morse	251	Rural Valley	Armstrong	1st & 3d Tuesday	...	...																

RECAPITULATION.

Initiations during the year	803
Re-instatements	50
Admitted by card	154
Suspensions	1,119
Withdrawn by card	110
Deceased	158
Expelled	18
Number of Patriarchs	15,276
Net decrease of Patriarchs	398
Rejections	7
Number of Encampments	226
Number of Past Chief Patriarchs	3,496

RELIEF REPORT.

Number of Patriarchs Relieved	2,101
" Widowed Families Relieved	40
" Patriarchs Buried	158

Paid for the Relief of Patriarchs		$52,256 13
" " Widowed Families		840 06
" " Orphans		64 00
" Burying of the Dead		9,427 50
Total Amount Paid for Relief		$62,587 69
Increased Amount of Relief over the preceding year		$6,818 34
Amount of Annual Receipts		105,657 16
Decrease of Annual Receipts from previous year		1,370 92
Assets of the Subordinate Encampments		280,145 92
Increase of the Assets during the year		11,923 53

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Notice to P. C. Patriarchs.

The Semi-Annual Session of the Grand Encampment will be held at Philadelphia, on Monday, the 20th of November, 1876, at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Annual Session of the Grand Encampment will be held at Erie on the Monday preceding the third Tuesday in May, 1877, at 9 o'clock A. M.

The Certificates of Past Chief Patriarchs should be forwarded to the Grand Scribe immediately after the Installation of the Officers.

Past Chief Patriarchs should be furnished with a duplicate Certificate by the Scribe in order to avoid any possible inconvenience arising out of the miscarriage of the original.

NAMES AND ADDRESS

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

R. W. Grand Encampment

I. O. O. F.

Of Pennsylvania

GEORGE BERTRAM, M. W. Grand Patriarch, ... *Philadelphia.*
EDWARD JONES, M. E. Grand High Priest, ... *Allegheny City.*
ALAN C. LUKENS, R. W. Grand Senior Warden, ... *Philadelphia.*
JAMES B. NICHOLSON, R. W. Grand Scribe, ... *Philadelphia.*
JOHN S. HEISS, R. W. Grand Treasurer, ... *Philadelphia.*
WM. A. RUDDACH, R. W. Grand Junior Warden, ... *Norristown.*
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE, R. W. Grand Representative, ... *Philadelphia.*
CHARLES N. HICKOK, R. W. Grand Representative, ... *Bedford.*
J. P. S. GOBIN, W. Grand Marshal, ... *Lebanon.*
JOHN B. RHODES, W. Grand Inside Sentinel, ... *Lenni.*
GEORGE C. HOSTER, W. Grand Outside Sentinel, ... *Philadelphia.*